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## Pastor lays out his real estate strategy

■ Investing and developing for ‘long term’

By PAUL MILLER

A LOT of people are curious about Patrice Pastor, who has only occasionally appeared at permit hearings for his local development projects. But when a community group in Pebble Beach asked him to be the speaker at one of its lunch meetings this week, the real estate developer from Monaco not only accepted, he provided a wide-ranging overview of his company’s vast real estate activities and outlined his goals for Carmel, where he has acquired numerous properties and has a large project underway.

“We know how to build, we know how to develop, and we know how to build both modern and classic,” Pastor said Wednesday at the Inn at Spanish Bay, launching a slideshow of more than a dozen high-end projects his firm, J.B. Pastor & Fils, has completed in Monaco over the last 15 years — ranging from ultramodern office towers, to luxurious apartments, to old-style five-star hotels.

### The prince likes it

His latest project, appropriately named Mareterra, or “sea land,” which opened in December, occupies a prime spot on the Monaco shoreline — one that didn’t exist until Pastor and a group of investors spent \$1.4 billion to create 15 acres of filled land between the Monaco harbor and a popular beach. Designed by an array of prominent engineers and architects, the whole project, which includes

housing, retail and a generous amount of public gardens and promenades, cost \$2.4 billion to complete, Pastor said.

So impressive is the Mareterra project, especially for a tiny country like Monaco, its website includes an endorsement from Prince Albert II, the country’s monarch.

But things in Carmel are on a totally different scale, Pastor said, and his vision here is also completely different

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Along the Monaco waterfront stands Patrice Pastor’s magnificent \$2.4 billion development, Mareterra, which opened in December.

## Feds look to derail California’s bullet train

By CAITLIN CONRAD

A BOONDOGGLE, “the train to nowhere,” the “little engine that couldn’t” — California’s still-nonexistent bullet train has earned a lot of not-so-nice nicknames over the years, and now the Trump administration is threatening to pull the plug on federal funding for the endeavor.

Speaking at Union Station in Los Angeles last week, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy announced his department is launching an investigation into the project. The review will examine what’s gone wrong with high-speed rail in the Golden State before the feds sign off on another \$4 billion for the train.

“Today we are severely — no pun intended — off track,” said Duffy.

In 2008, California voters signed off on Proposition 1A, which promised them a completed bullet train from San Francisco to Los Angeles by 2020 for a price tag of \$33 billion. It was supposed to travel at 200 mph, zipping

passengers from the S.F. Bay area to Southern California in three hours. That never happened. Instead, the reality is 60 miles of completed guideway — not to be confused with railway — for a planned 171-mile section from Merced to Bakersfield.

### Accountable for \$4 billion

The \$4 billion in additional federal funding was approved by the Biden administration, but President Donald Trump is threatening to halt the funds over allegations of project mismanagement.

Duffy told reporters the new administration intends to determine whether California is living up to its federal funding agreements

“We can’t just say we’re going to give money and then not hold states accountable to how they spend it,” said Duffy. “The Trump administration is going to take a look at whether this project is worthy of continual investment.”

The transportation secretary had to speak loudly over the shouts of a pro-rail crowd that gathered at the station to protest his visit. Demonstrators held signs with slogans like, “Warning: high-speed rail may cause progress,” and,

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## Tiny bird, big hunger



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“Feed me,” this little hummingbird seems to be telling its human caregiver. SPCA Monterey County is nurturing the infant and two others, including one the size of a jellybean, until they are old enough to be released to their natural environment. See page 11A.

## SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY GETS CONTENT REVIEW

■ Too restrictive for us, council says

By LILY PATTERSON

THINK TWICE before you like or comment — or maybe just pretend those features don’t exist, if you’re a member of the Carmel City Council.

A unanimous decision at Monday’s special meeting spelled revision for the city’s proposed social media policy. You won’t see Carmel-by-the-Sea on Facebook, Instagram or X until councilmembers approve changes to a rule which would have essentially banned them from responding to city social media posts.

The resolution, presented March 3 by administrative analyst Emily Garay, highlighted social media as a tool for “effective, reliable and responsible government,” citing 2023 Pew Research Center data for social media use among U.S. adults. Sixty-eight percent say they use

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## Panetta blasts Trump speech

By KELLY NIX

THE LEGISLATIVE agenda outlined by President Donald Trump in Congress Tuesday will weaken the U.S. economy, leave American families without crucial services, jeopardize national security and isolate the country from the rest of the world, Democratic Rep. Jimmy Panetta said this week.

In a lengthy speech on the floor of House of Representatives, Trump discussed tariffs, shuttering government agencies and saving tens of billions of taxpayer dollars, boasted about the immigration crackdown at the southern border and claimed he would rescue the economy.

“My fellow Americans, get ready for an incredible future because the golden age of America has only just begun,” Trump said, addressing a joint session of Congress. “It will be like nothing that has ever been seen before.”

### ‘Divisive rhetoric’

Panetta, who lives in Carmel Valley, was highly critical of the speech, calling it “more of the same divisive rhetoric that ignores the reality facing hardworking Americans.”

“I was disappointed again, but not surprised, that President Trump failed to unify Congress with any bipartisan solutions to the many pressing issues that we face as a nation, including the high cost of living for working families, inflation, immigration reform, trade, and national security policies,” Panetta told The Pine Cone Thursday.

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SCREENSHOT FROM POOL COVERAGE

Rep. Jimmy Panetta (far right) with Democratic Party leadership during President Donald Trump’s speech to Congress Tuesday. At left is former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

## County sues over federal funding, ‘sanctuary’ law

By KELLY NIX

MONTEREY COUNTY has joined a lawsuit to challenge the Trump administration’s efforts to stop sending federal funds to cities and counties with “sanctuary” policies that help protect undocumented immigrants. The county estimates it has received almost a half-billion dollars from the feds in the last two years, so the stakes are high.

The California Legislature, controlled by the Democratic Party, OK’d a statewide sanctuary law in 2017 that prohibited state and local law enforcement agencies from participating in federal efforts to deport immigrants who are illegally in the country.

### Big bucks

When Republican President Donald Trump took office in January, however, he signed an order to ensure — to the “maximum extent possible under the law” — that jurisdictions with sanctuary policies that “seek to interfere with the lawful exercise of federal law enforcement operations” do not get federal funds.

On Monday, county officials announced they had joined a lawsuit challenging what they called the Trump

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# Sandy Claws

By Lisa Crawford Watson

## Bonding with Biggie

He was born handsome, which was why the Michigan breeder named him "Big," after the "Mr. Big" character in the "Sex and the City" television series. Except that despite winning one blue ribbon, he just didn't exhibit the inherent drive, that "showmanship thing" required of show dogs, so the breeder made him available for sale.

"He was 18 months old when we got him from the breeder and brought him home to Pebble Beach," his person said. "My husband said Big just wouldn't do. But the dog knew his name, so we made a subtle shift to Biggie."

Now 8 years old, Biggie, is an English cocker spaniel, black and white with beautiful chocolate-chip markings on his legs, his person says, and a black head with a white stripe between his eyes and down his muzzle.

"He is the quintessential English cocker and really is beautiful," his person said.

Biggie goes to doggie daycare once a week in Pacific Grove where, on the first day, his person worried he'd be intimidated by a line-up of huge dogs — a German shepherd, Bernese mountain dog and a big black Lab, among others. Turns out he not only gets along with them, he runs the show, which may be a breeding trait. Biggie seems to understand the authority of his



beauty better than the breeder did. "He would make a great salesman," his person said. "When he wants to get up on the bed, he stares me down and keeps trying to climb up. After about 18 tries, we give up and pick him up. And then he's very loving." What Biggie really loves is the beach, particularly its potential for food, including seaweed and people's picnics. A "chow hound," his breeder actually had advised his people to have delicious food available as the best way to bond with Biggie.

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# Film festival will return Oct. 2-5

By CHRIS COUNTS

THE OFFICIAL word went out last week that the Carmel International Film Festival — which was revived last year — is returning Oct. 2-5.

“Thank you to all of the residents of Carmel-by-the-Sea for helping us bring back the Carmel International Film Festival,” said Lawrence Roeck, who rebooted the festival last year after a six-year hiatus and served as director. “2024 was a huge success and we look forward to an even better 2025. Please support the festival by buying early bird tickets and sponsorships.”

Roeck will be festival co-director, with Annette Andersen sharing leadership duties. Andersen is an actress, writer and producer whose career highlights include lengthy contributions to the television show, “The Simpsons.”

What’s new for the festival in 2025? “We want to make it bigger and better, get more people and film entries, and really build off the success of the first year,” Roeck told The Pine Cone.

### Lineup takes shape

While work has just begun on assembling the festival’s lineup, Roeck reported that two entries will be “The History of the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary” — which came out in 2022 and is narrated by Clint Eastwood — and “Don’t Pave Main Street,” which stars Eastwood and the late Doris Day and celebrates the town’s colorful and quirky history.

By popular demand, the festival will again screen Robert Blaisdell’s lovable “Big Sur: The Way It Was,” which captures

the colorful coastal community in all its tie-dyed glory.

The festival needs sponsors, and Roeck reported that several have recently signed up, including the Pine Inn, Elroy’s Fine Foods, Carmel Area Reservation Service and Calhoun Jewelers. They’re joining returning sponsors like Big Sur Cannab-



PHOTO/COURTESY CARMEL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

At the 2024 Carmel International Film Festival, host and actor Craig Kilborn (left) shares the stage with Will Roberts, who starred in the film, “Oppenheimer.”

otanicals, Mission Bistro and Destination 831. Electronics company Epson is supplying the film projectors.

As for tickets, all-access passes — which will sell for \$400 — are on sale now for \$200. Day passes, which will sell for \$100, are available now for \$60. For more details, visit [ciffest.com](http://ciffest.com)

Before Roeck revived the festival, Tom Burns and Erin Clark put on the Carmel Film Festival from 2008-17. Other film festivals have been presented in town, including the first one by Mildred Sloan in 1929.

While the 1932 Venice Film Festival takes credit for being the world’s first, the Carmel gathering of ’29 preceded it by three years.

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## Police & Sheriff's Log

### Can't buy broccoli without your cash

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office last week. This week's log was compiled by Mary Schley.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Carmel area:** Report of alleged elder financial abuse on Rio Road.

**Carmel Valley:** Alleged financial abuse involving an Aliso Road resident.

**Pebble Beach:** Benbow Place resident reported receiving a threat via phone.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Woman reporting losing her wallet while visiting Devendorf Park.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Woman reported her elderly friend as missing. The missing person was placed into missing and uniden-

tified persons database and a BOL was sent to all agencies.

**Pacific Grove:** Suspicious circumstances reported on Syida Drive.

**Carmel Valley:** Elder abuse of an East Carmel Valley Road resident alleged.

**Carmel area:** Report of alleged financial abuse on San Pedro Lane.

**Carmel area:** Threats on Outlook Court.

**Big Sur:** Report of physical abuse on Highway 1.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Animal control officer responded to a report of a found unattended dog tied to a backpack at Ocean and Del Mar. Actions were taken to find the owner, who was found sleeping in the bushes. Warning was given. Dog returned to its owner.

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## The gavel falls

Verdicts, pleas and sentencings announced by  
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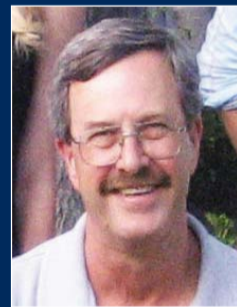
**Feb. 3** — Stephen Earl Guice, 51 and a resident of Seaside, was convicted by a jury of the crimes of forcible rape and false imprisonment. Judge Pamela Butler presided over the trial.

On April 4, 2024, Jane Doe went to the Bulldog Sports Pub in Monterey with two of her friends, where they met the defendant, Guice. The defendant offered Doe and one of her friends illicit drugs, which he provided in the fully enclosed handicapped stall of the women's bathroom. Once they were in the bathroom with him, the girls had second thoughts, but the defendant would not let them leave the bathroom without consuming the drugs. Once Doe's friend consumed some of the drugs, the defendant allowed her to leave and closed and locked the door, trapping Doe inside with him, where he proceeded to sexually assault her.

When the defendant exited the bathroom, Doe's friends immediately entered and found their friend sobbing on the bathroom floor, with bruises forming on her shoulders. Doe's friends took her to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where she was treated in the emergency room, and then referred to the Sexual Assault Response Team for evidence collection. The defendant's DNA was found when the evidence samples were tested.

The defendant has two prior "strike" convictions under California's three strikes law. Because of these prior convictions, the defendant faces a potential sentence of 25 years to life for the forcible rape charge.

This case was investigated by Monterey Police Officers Lidio Soriano and Cameron Burwell as well as Monterey County District Attorney Investigator Rachel Maldonado.



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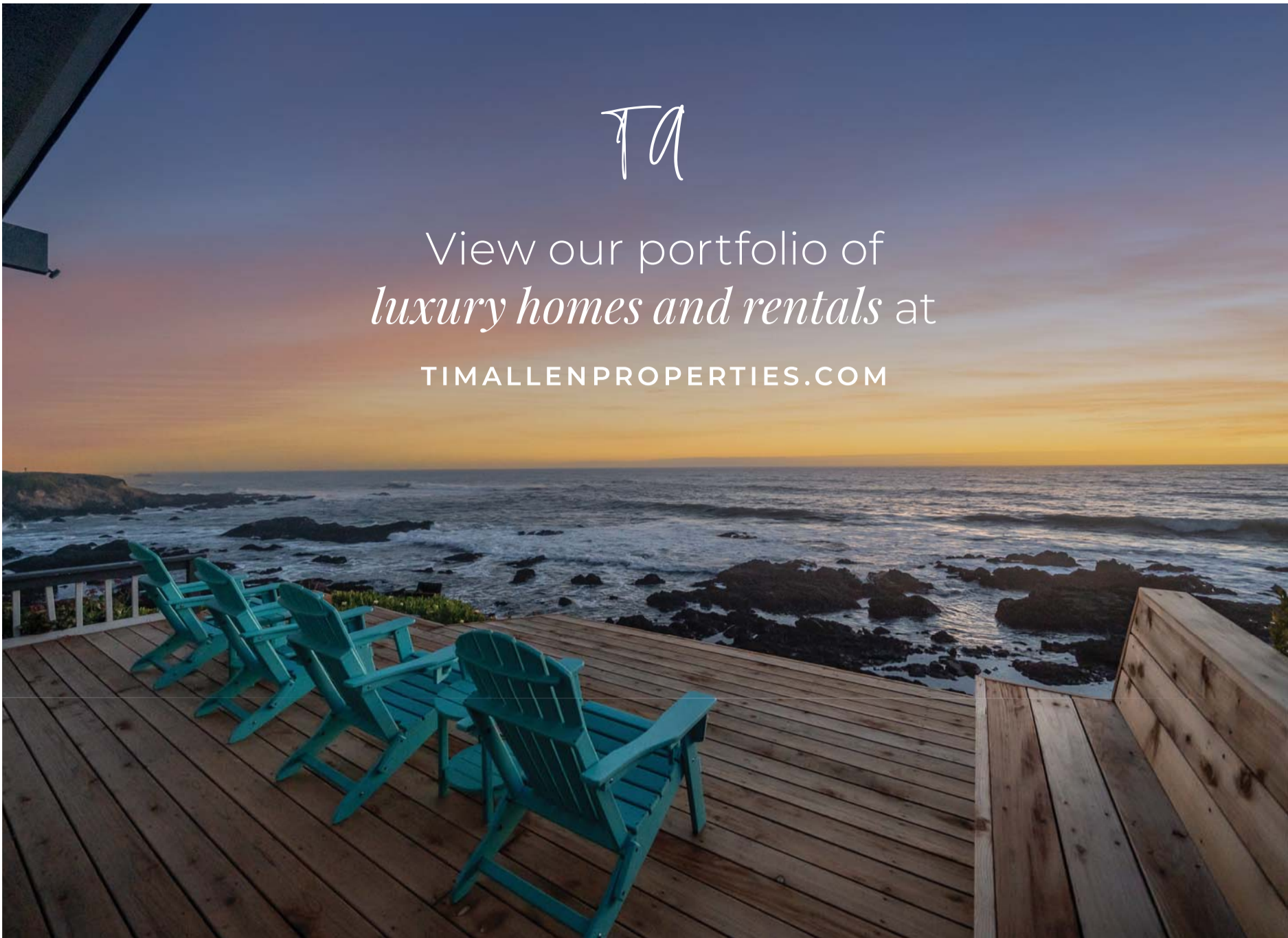
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# Seaside man who burglarized business does it again

■ P.B. woman also nabbed

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

A WOMAN from Pebble Beach and a Seaside man were arrested by Monterey Police after two ATMs were stolen last week, including from a business the same man burglarized four years ago, police said.

On Feb. 21, at 3:47 a.m., officers were called to investigate a burglary at Randazzo's Wash and Dry on the 2200 block of North Fremont Street. Surveillance video depicts a person driving a van up to the business and throwing



SCREENSHOT FROM SURVEILLANCE VIDEO

Monterey Police said this week that they arrested this man for taking an ATM from a Monterey laundromat and trying to do the same thing in Pacific Grove

a "heavy object" through a glass window, entering the laundromat, and dragging an ATM out. Police said it was loaded into the suspect's vehicle.

The thief fled the scene before officers arrived. The next morning, though, a passerby walking near Asilomar Beach discovered the stolen ATM, which had been cut and forced open and the cash removed.

On Feb. 24, at 4:13 a.m., Pacific Grove Police were called to a burglary at The Grove Laundry, a laundromat on Forest Avenue. A suspect driving a van that appeared to be the same one in the Monterey burglary pulled up to the back of the business and threw an object through a glass door before entering.

The burglar tried removing the machine from the laundromat, but his efforts were thwarted because it was bolted to the floor. He fled before police arrived.

However, Pacific Grove Police identified the van used in the crime by reviewing license plate reader camera systems. Monterey Police confirmed it was the same van used in that city's crime by "comparing unique vehicle characteristics."

### Assault rifle

On Feb. 26, Monterey Police, with help from Pacific Grove and Seaside police, issued a search warrant on the 1800 block of Luzern Street in Seaside and detained Sage Keller, 23, of Seaside, and Pebble Beach resident Julia Spears, 26.

"The search yielded numerous items of evidence related to both the Monterey and Pacific Grove burglaries,"

See ATM page 16A

# Police nab suspect in gang shooting

By CHRIS COUNTS

A DAY after a young man was shot in the head, Seaside Police announced they had arrested the alleged shooter, 22-year-old Reggie Williams.

The shooting happened around 3 p.m. Sunday when Seaside Police received a report of gang members "gathering and fighting" near the intersection of Vallejo Street and St. Elmo Place.

"Officers responded to the area and found a juvenile male with a gunshot wound to the head," police reported.

Emergency responders took the seriously injured victim to a local hospital while police "detained multiple people involved in the altercation."

On Sunday evening, police put out word that they intended "to hold anyone and everyone criminally accountable for the violence."

The following evening, after "working nonstop" on the case, Seaside police announced they had apprehended Williams.

"As promised, we found him," the agency said.

According to police, Williams was "tracked down" while he was driving along Highway 68 near Pebble Beach.

"He was stopped and arrested," the report indicated. "He was in possession of a firearm and ammunition and is currently being booked for attempted murder and gun charges."

The shooting victim, meanwhile, suffered serious injuries, but is in stable condition, police added.

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# Mid-Valley storage facility gets OK

By CHRIS COUNTS

DESPITE THE opposition of some residents, the Monterey County Planning Commission voted 7-1 Wednesday to approve plans to establish a 68,760 square-foot two-story self-storage facility on a 2-acre lot next to the Mid-Valley shopping center in Carmel Valley.

The facility — which would include five buildings — will be constructed on land just east of Berwick Drive and the terminus of Center Street. The work also includes installing an on-site wastewater treatment system, drainage controls and fencing, and making driveway improvements.

Tony Lombardo, who represented the applicant, Will Tucker, told the planning commission that there is an “unmet” demand for storage space in Carmel Valley. “None of the existing self-storage facilities have any vacancies,” Lombardo said.

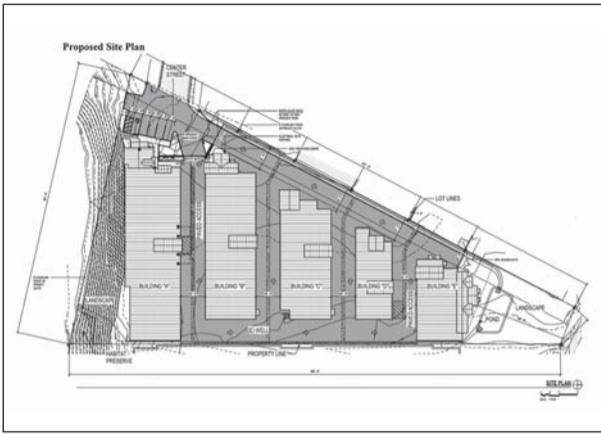
The Carmel Valley Land Use Advisory Committee voted 5-0 two years ago to back the plan. The county planning commission, meanwhile, hosted a hearing on the topic in November and listened to public comments before continuing it to February.

### Locals list concerns

Through letters and public comment, residents expressed concerns about the impacts the storage facility will have, including noise, safety, trash, the potential loss of a hiking trail across the property, floodplain issues, its impact on property values, the loss of potential affordable housing — and its effect on the community’s “rural character.”

Tracy Kauffman, who lives nearby, spoke at the hearing, suggesting the facility be accessed from Carmel Valley Road and not Center Street due to its proximity to homes. Kauffman called the project “huge, obtrusive and unnecessary.” Resident Paola Berthoin agreed the facility wasn’t needed and called it a “very wasteful” use of the land.

Planner Mary Israel reported that the



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A site plan shows the layout of a new storage facility that’s been approved in Carmel Valley.

applicant — in an effort to address concerns — recently made modifications to the height and bulk of two buildings. He committed to planting more than one oak to offset for the loss of the oak that will be removed. There will also be a tribal monitor on-site to ensure construction doesn’t disrupt any burial sites or damage any cultural resources.

A county report indicates that the applicant made revisions in the plan to accommodate a pedestrian pass across the land.

Once it is built, the facility will be accessed by two keypad-operated vehicle gates and a keypad-operated pedestrian

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## P.G. home fire but nobody there

By KELLY NIX

A FIRE at an unoccupied house in Pacific Grove last month drew more than two-dozen firefighters and other emergency responders.

The Feb. 23 structure fire began at about 2:10 p.m. at 133 Lighthouse Ave. near Eardley Avenue. Monterey Fire crews responded two-and-a-half minutes after dispatch notified the department and saw thick, gray smoke pouring from the roof vents and eaves of the single-story home.

It took fire crews about 30 minutes to extinguish it.

“The fire was contained to a room adjacent to the main house, with fire spreading throughout the common attic,” Monterey Fire said. “The attic contributed to the fire

spreading into the kitchen area.”

The damage to the structure is estimated to be about \$200,000, and another \$40,000 in property loss, Monterey Fire Division Chief Justin Cooper told The Pine Cone.

The cause is believed to be electrical in nature. Twenty-five fire personnel, led by the Monterey Fire, responded to the blaze, including three chief officers, crews with six engines — one from the Presidio of Monterey Fire Department — and a ladder truck.

This is the second significant fire to occur at an unoccupied home in Pacific Grove in the past few months. The day after Christmas, there was a blaze at a home at 18th and Spruce. Firefighters determined it was caused by a bathroom appliance. The bathroom was destroyed.

## PUBLIC INVITED TO BIRTHDAY PARTY

By KELLY NIX

A PACIFIC Grove man who is arguably the city’s most well-known resident is turning 95 years old, and the chamber of commerce is inviting everyone to celebrate his birthday.

On March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Meals on Wheels Community Center, the P.G. Chamber will host a reception to celebrate Richard Stillwell, who has long supported community events. He graduated from P.G. High in 1950 before volunteering with the city’s fire department, where he was later promoted to volunteer fire chief.

“In my 38 years around Pacific Grove, I never met anyone who loved the city like Mr. Stillwell,” former Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce president Moe Ammar told The Pine Cone. “He has dedicated his life to the city and gave so much of his time, energy, leadership and money to Pacific Grove. His favorite commitment

is to the youth and education.”

Stillwell, who some call Mister P.G., also has never been hesitant to speak his mind and “stick his neck out for the betterment of the city,” Ammar said.

### Philanthropist

Stillwell’s been involved in numerous city endeavors, including the annual Stillwell’s Fun in the Park celebration, the renovation of the Caledonia Park basketball courts named for his late son, Tommy, and the Stillwell Children’s Pool.

In 1995, Stillwell was honored with the James R. Hughes Citizen of the Year Award by the P.G. Chamber for his dedication to city events.

Stillwell and his brother-in-law founded M&S Building Supply in 1961, and in 1979 opened Pacific Grove Ace Hardware at the corner of Forest and Laurel.

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# First Theatre needs last renovations

By LILY PATTERSON

**DOWNTOWN MONTEREY, 1846:** Jack Swan establishes a boardinghouse for sailors near the new Fisherman's Wharf. Had Swan not made local headlines shortly thereafter by rigging up a theatre for restless U.S. Army soldiers, it might've been just another historic adobe.

180 years later, a joint restoration effort by Monterey State Historic Park Association and California State Parks plays on at the old adobe, now known as California's First Theatre, where history is very much alive — it's running through the walls and, unfortunately, collecting moss on top.

A new roof is badly needed, according to the historic association's board president Nicollette Eason Trottier. Electrical and heating retrofitting are inevitable. The association has big plans for theatre residencies and summer programs, all reasons to keep the lights on. Those need replacing, too.

### Dramatic history

But first, a bit more history. After Swan's death in 1896, the adobe fell into disrepair. Deeded to the state in 1906, it was abandoned until 1919, then converted to a museum.

In 1937, Carmel Bach Festival founders Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous revived the old theatre to stage an 1880s melodrama, "Tatters: Pet of Squatter's Gulch." The featured actors, Troupers of the Gold Coast, became a fixture, presenting 19th century melodramas until the theater closed in 1999 for repairs. By 2019, the

historic park association had to intervene to save the again-derelect structure.

"We're such a small organization," said Trottier of the historic park association, the nonprofit collaborator and fundraising partner of Monterey State Historic Park,



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Not pictured: a mossy roof, one of several projects awaiting additional funds as First Theatre restoration marches on.

home to the First Theatre and 20 other landmarks, many pre-dating California's 1850 admission to the Union.

Restoration of the First Theatre commenced in 2019, when it received a federal taxpayer grant of \$194,360 through the Save America's Treasures program, which the historic association matched toward its goal of \$2 million.

With significant contributions from local government and nonprofits, \$500,000 in seismic retrofitting from the state, online donations and proceeds from park gift shops, the historic playhouse re-opened its doors to the public in November 2023 — just in time for the 40th Annual Christmas in the Adobes, the historic park association's major fundraising event.

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## PANETTA

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Instead, the congressman said Trump used the roughly one hour and 40 minute speech to “litigate political grievances, castigate Joe Biden, and mostly to promulgate his controversial agenda, including tariffs that will hurt our farmers, taking over Panama Canal and Greenland, changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico, cutting Medicaid through reconciliation, and more.”

When the Trump administration threatens federal services and “attacks our values,” Panetta said Democrats will “fight back” to protect Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, food assistance and the U.S. Constitution.

“The stakes are too high for us to get distracted,” he said. “We will hold this administration accountable by ensuring that our nation’s checks and balances are strong through legislation, litigation, investigation, communication, and mobilization.”

### Outbursts during speech

The Pine Cone asked Panetta about his thoughts on the disruptions from Democrats and the refusal by most of them to stand or applaud during moments of the speech many considered to be inspirational — including Trump’s focus on a young boy fighting brain cancer and the families of a woman and a girl murdered by illegal immigrants.

“Despite Trump’s partisan speech, I applauded many times when the president recognized victims of crime, law enforcement, military, border patrol officers, giving young people opportunities, the young

boy fighting cancer, and more,” he said.

A CBS News/YouGov poll found that 76 percent of people who watched the speech, which included more Republicans than Democrats, approved of what Trump said. Some Democrats, though, described it making them feel “worried,” and for 4 in 10, “angry,” CBS news said.

Stunts by some Democratic lawmakers during Trump’s speech, including waving paddles calling him a liar and claiming Elon Musk “steals,” unfortunately led “to headlines about how members conducted themselves, rather than the needed discussions on solutions to the many issues facing our nation,” Panetta said.

### Censure

Texas Democratic Rep. Al Green was escorted from the House floor after heckling Trump and refusing to sit down during a portion of his speech, despite several warnings from House Speaker Mike Johnson. On Thursday, the House voted 224-198, with 10 Democrats joining Republicans, to censure Green. Panetta voted against the censure.

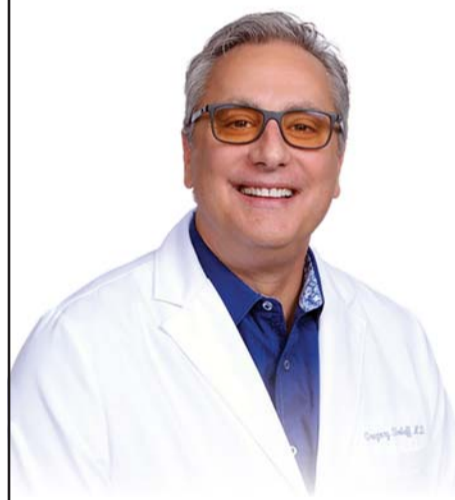
Green’s behavior received criticism from political pundits in both parties, including from Democratic strategist David Axelrod, who called it “despicable.”

“I realize that many of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle represent very different districts than California’s 19th, and why they responded the way they did to the president and his remarks,” Panetta went on to say. “That also is why they will most likely be held accountable by their constituents for their responses. I always will represent my district with respect and civility. If not, I expect to be held accountable, not by my colleagues, but by my constituents.”

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# Rescued bird weighs less than a penny

By KELLY NIX

THREE RESCUED baby hummingbirds, including one the size of a jellybean, are being cared for by the tenderhearted folks at SPCA Monterey County.

The baby birds, found in Salinas, are being reared until they can be released back into the wild, spokeswoman Beth Brookhouser said.

“One was brought to us after a community member noticed hummingbirds flying near them while trimming bushes,” Brookhouser said. Fearing they had harmed a nest, “they examined the pile of clippings and found it, but the parents were gone, and they brought the baby to us.”

The two other hummingbirds were brought to the SPCA by someone who found them alone.

The jellybean baby weighs a mere .76 grams, which is about one-third the weight of the penny.

“He is active, alert, and growing by the day,” Brookhouser said.

SPCA workers are starting to see his feathers coming in, but his eyes are still closed, and he doesn’t yet have the trademark long hummingbird beak, she explained. But he’s eating all the time.

“He is still in an incubator being fed every 45 minutes,” Brookhouser said.

The three hummingbirds are being fed a specialty diet consisting of insects and sugar.

### Blown from trees

Some of the first small birds to arrive at the SPCA in distress every year are hummingbirds, which often get blown from trees during storms or when the shrubs and trees they are nesting in get pruned.

“While our team will always try to reunite these little nestlings with their parents, sometimes the baby is in too critical a condition or it is simply not safe to do so,” the nonprofit said.

The SPCA asks that people call the group at (831) 264-5427 if they spot a nest or baby bird on the ground. Hummingbird nests are tiny, about the size of a walnut or a golf ball, which makes them difficult to see.

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# SOCIAL

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Facebook, while 47 percent are on Instagram and 22 percent on X.

These platforms facilitate “real-time updates on city news, events, extended road closures and weather alerts,” said Garay, sharing templates for official city notices for things like high surf warnings, city council meeting changes and the availability of sandbags.

“We’re catering to our residents, to our community,” she emphasized of Carmel’s proposed Instagram page. “This isn’t an advertisement.”

### How many?

Nine pages of policy were aimed at “establishing guidelines and procedures for the city’s participation in social media and authorizing the city administrator to manage the city’s social media program.”

In compiling dos and don’ts — previously vetted by administrator Chip Rerig and city attorney Brian Pierik, with input from the police, community activities and IT departments — Garay dug into how local municipalities, including the City of Monterey, manage their accounts.

Resident Donna Jett noted Monterey’s presence on social media and “heartily endorsed” Carmel’s plan to do something

similar. “It’s the future that we have to plan for,” she said.

The social media proposal also says that departments like the police and library may need their own accounts.

“How many departments?” councilmember Hans Buder wanted to know.

Garay clarified that the policy is “not going to be prescriptive to any department.” In order to open an account, a department would fill out a form defining how social media would “align with or enhance” its function, subject to review by the city administrator’s office.

### Double-tap, double-take

It wasn’t the plan for Facebook and Instagram pages, but prohibitions on what city officials could do there that got the debate going.

Section P of the plan outlines that all city social media sites — including “posts on personal social media pages” — are subject to the California Public Records Act, the Freedom of Information Act, subpoenas and court orders.

Also, “members of the city council, commissions and/or boards shall not respond to, react (e.g., ‘like’, ‘love’, ‘thumbs up’, or any other emoji/reaction), ‘share’, ‘repost’ or otherwise participate in any published posting,” the plan said.

“This caused me to do a double take,”

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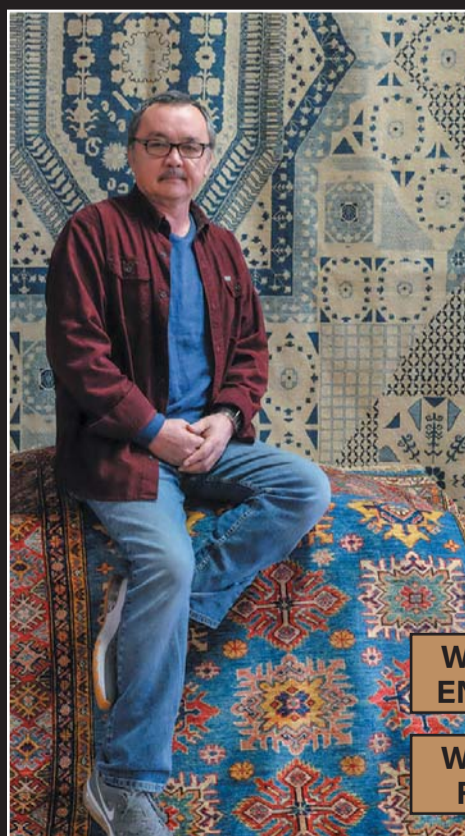
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# MEDIA

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said councilmember Jeff Baron. "It's sort of my job to amplify the message."

"If there is an emergency or a road that is closed, to think that we were violating the Brown Act in doing so seems counter-productive to the whole idea of the policy," councilmember Alissandra Dramov agreed.

Baron said he'd consulted with the city attorney prior to Monday's meeting, asking Pierik to clarify the proposed rule and its origin with the Brown Act.

"Council members should not be using emails or social media to conduct a meeting outside of a public meeting," was how Pierik summarized the 1953 law, amended in 2020 with provisions for social media.

Sharing information with and answering questions from the public is OK, it seems — so long as officials aren't deliberating in the comments section.

But Baron described Section P as "more restrictive" than that.

### A question of ethics

Do thumbs up on Facebook constitute consensus? Is a comment thread considered a "serial meeting"? It depends who you ask.

Councilmember Bob Delves weighed in, proposing a curtailed use of social media features when engaging with official city content: only reposts and shares.

This suggestion met with hesitation from councilmembers Buder and Baron, who had earlier expressed his commitment

to getting the city online.

"Perhaps the city could leave it up to us. We've taken our AB 1234 and can apply that in real life," said Baron, referring to a California bill requiring city, county and special district employees to participate in "local ethics training" every two years.

"When I listen to the city attorney read the actual language from the Brown Act, I think it's pretty clear about what's allowed," added Buder, "as long as we're not interacting substantively about key questions relating to the city."

### Three thumbs up

Still, Mayor Dale Byrne advised, two "likes" from councilmembers would be pushing it and three could be considered a majority per the Brown Act. But posts shouldn't get political in the first place.

"I would hope the city wouldn't be posting something that could get us in trouble to start with — an opinion about what they want to happen at a council meeting, for instance."

"The likes can get you in trouble," the mayor warned.

"If you have a doubt, you can consult with your city attorney," Pierik offered.

As The Pine Cone reported last week, posts on city social media can't contain personal information, including photos and memes, information that could compromise safety or security, "comments or content that are off-subject or out of context, comments or content not related to the business of the city, including random or unintelligible comments," not to mention political opinions, profanity, sexual content, discrimination, solicitation of commerce, promotion of illegal activities

or copyrighted material.

Despite the back and forth, the council was generally in favor of the social media resolution, deciding Pierik would conduct additional research and revise Section P so

administrative analyst Garay can submit the modified policy at next month's meeting.

Baron would be the one to make a motion, which passed unanimously.



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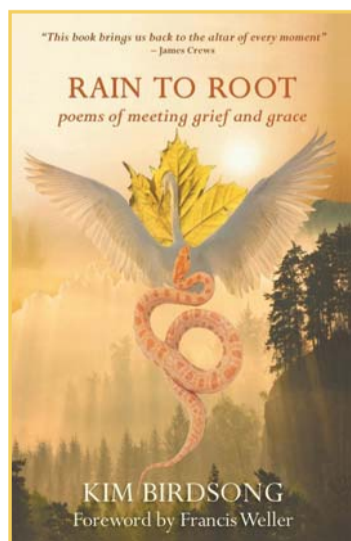
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# TRAIN

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“Don’t delay our train!”

California has done a good job of delaying progress on the train all on its own. The federal investigation aims to look at not only the timeline of the project, but where all the money went.

Just how much has been spent depends on who you ask. According to the California High-Speed Rail Authority, expenditures have reached \$13.5 billion, but the U.S. Transportation Department reports the figure is \$15.7 billion. Whichever number is right, it’s still a far cry from the updated \$35.5 billion price tag for the Merced-to-Bakersfield line alone. The new cost estimate for the Central Valley segment was released in 2024 and is more than the entire project was supposed to cost in 2008. The inspector

general for the rail authority also announced in 2024 that there is a \$6.5 billion funding gap for the section under construction.

The Central Valley segment is also behind schedule. The rail authority has continually pushed out the completion date for the Merced-to-Bakersfield line. Two years ago service was expected to start in 2030, now it’s expected in 2033. However, earlier this month, the inspector general expressed doubts about hitting the new target date.

As for the full 463-mile route from San Francisco to Los Angeles, construction has yet to start, but the environmental approvals are complete. The price tag on that line has gone up to \$128 billion and has a \$100 billion funding gap.

### Federal money key

High-speed rail can’t be built in California without the support of U.S. taxpayers. According to the high-speed rail authority’s website, the agency has received more than

\$6.8 billion from the federal government. On its federal grant webpage, the authority said it plans to continue to submit grant applications to the feds with a total award target of \$8 billion over the next five years. But securing additional federal dollars from the Trump administration seems unlikely.

“The worst overruns that there have been in the history of our country,” said Trump speaking from the White House about spending on the project.

U.S. Rep. Kevin Kiley, a Rocklin Republican, has already introduced a bill to ban federal funding for the rail line in the future.

“Our share of federal transportation funding should go toward real infrastructure needs, such as improving roads that rank among the worst in the country,” said Kiley in a recent statement.

In Sacramento, Assemblymember Alexandra Macedo, a Tulare Republican, introduced AB267, which would suspend state money for the high-speed rail authority through 2028. If passed, money for the bullet train would have to be transferred to the general fund for other spending needs.

### Many supporters

Despite the failure to deliver on its promises, high-speed rail still has many supporters in Sacramento and across the state. Following Duffy’s announcement, San Francisco Democrat Scott Wiener issued a lengthy

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# RAIL

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statement saying, “Donald Trump is now trying to destroy California’s high-speed rail project, which is under construction and moving forward. Trump is determined to increase traffic delays, make transportation more expensive, make our air dirtier, and fuel climate change.”

Wiener went on to announce he is working on legislation to speed up the permitting and construction process for high-speed rail and other public transportation projects.

The state senator also pointed to a recent Emerson College poll that found 54 percent of Californians still support high-speed rail.

The findings are similar to a 2022 poll, conducted by UC Berkeley and the Los Angeles Times, which found 56 percent of registered voters “support the state continuing to build the high-speed rail project, even as it is currently planned.”

### Subhead

Some Californians hate the project including people living in homes that border the construction sites through the Central Valley. While the state has made little progress on building the actual tracks, it has completed a number of overpasses for cars. One of them is going up 7 feet from Dalia Pena’s fence line in Madera County.

The concrete structure towers several stories over her backyard and can be seen from the entire neighborhood.

“I don’t know why they thought it was ever okay for them to build so close to our home,” Dalia Pena told Fox 26 reporter Rich Rodriguez earlier this month.

A government buyout is out of the question for Pena and others since the High-Speed Rail Authority doesn’t need her actual backyard, though the authority can legally purchase what is necessary for the project and use eminent domain when necessary. As of February of last year, the High-Speed Rail Authority had purchased 2,258 of the 2,295 parcels needed for the 119-mile stretch through the Central Valley.

CEO Ian Choudri released a statement following Duffy’s announcement.

“We welcome this investigation and the opportunity to work with our federal partners. With multiple independent federal and state audits completed, every dollar is accounted for and we stand by the progress and impact of this project,” said Choudri, in a written release.

However, when asked by reporters at Union Station if the compliance review was box checking to end the project, Duffy had this to say: “What I see here it is going to be a hard stretch to see how those promises work out about how this money was spent.”

Without a federal partner and short billions of dollars, California’s high-speed rail project is more uncertain than ever.



A highway overpass under construction in Merced for California’s planned high-speed rail line from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

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# ATM

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Monterey Police said. "Officers also recovered an assault rifle with a loaded high-capacity magazine and narcotics."

Keller — who was convicted in 2021 of burglarizing the same P.G. laundromat — was arrested on suspicion

of burglary, possession of burglary tools, being a felon in possession of a firearm, drugs, an assault rifle, ammunition and a large capacity rifle magazine. He is being held without bail. Spears was also arrested on suspicion of possession of an assault rifle and high-capacity magazine and committing a felony. She is not accused of participating in last week's ATM burglaries.

# THEATRE

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It would be "amazing," Trotter emphasized, to address priorities like new lights and roofing in time for the First Theatre's next act.

In February, Monterey-based New Canon Theatre Co. announced the opening of "An Iliad," to run May 15-25. "A captivating reimagining of Homer's Trojan War epic" by Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare and directed by Noah Lucé, it will be the first full-length production staged at the historic playhouse since the 1990s.

Los Exploradores, a day camp for third through fifth graders to discover the cultural and natural history of downtown Monterey will return this year, highlighting the theater in sessions from June 16-20 and July 14-18.

The Monterey State Historic Park Association held its First Theatre Fest in 2024, back this August with live music, local vendors and free activities. To learn more about memberships and upcoming events and support restoration efforts, visit [mshpa.org](http://mshpa.org).

# STORAGE

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gate on Center Street. The gates would require an access code, and would be locked from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily.

Planning commissioner Martha Diehl, who represents Carmel Valley, made the motion to approve the project. "I really appreciate the changes that this project has gone through," Diehl added. "The applicant has been exceedingly responsive to the concerns expressed."

Planning commissioner Christine Shaw voted against the plan, while two planning commissioners were absent from the hearing.

# LETTERS

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come under pressure from the large number of large, off-leash dogs that one may now encounter at any hour of the day. Dogs are supposed to be under "voice control," but for some "professional" dog walkers who may take multiple dogs at a time, this seems to be taken as encouragement to shout at the top of their lungs, hardly contributing to the "serene, forested sanctuary" that is a stated goal of those working to protect it.

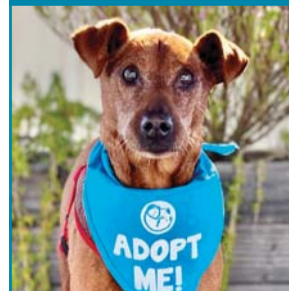
I was recently watching a song sparrow whose song was drowned out by a woman's loud bellows, and then realized that four large dogs were coming at us with the bellowing woman far behind. On another occasion, I tried crossing off the main trail where two big dogs were running towards me with no owner in sight, only to encounter more off-leash dogs on the smaller trail above. There's no escape for walkers or joggers observing nature, nor wildlife that may be chased and attacked.

In the past one could often see California quails and hermit thrush, but they and much of the other wildlife are now much rarer. With multiple incidents of dog bites reported in the local news recently, is it time to consider a leash law?

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# PASTOR

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— one that springs from his earliest trips to the Monterey Peninsula for holidays.

At first, he just wanted “to enjoy time in your wonderful country, and especially in Carmel,” Pastor said at the Stillwater Club. “But after a few months, I changed completely, and I realized there are some opportunities here.”

The key was the combination of what he called an “important European feeling in Carmel” with the spirit of modernization that is a hallmark of American culture.

“The combination, for me, is perfect. And I said, probably we can bring our knowledge to this balance between tradition and modernism,” Pastor continued. “And that motivated me a lot, and I’m sure there are a lot of things here to improve, but it’s always in my mind to be very careful with the community and the history. History is very important. We know that.”

One of his highest-profile local projects is The Pit — a construction site at Dolores and Fifth that’s been an eye-sore for years. Pastor acquired the unfinished project in March 2020, went through almost a dozen hearings and numerous re-designs before getting approvals in 2023, and is now “waiting for a demolition permit” to remove some of the obsolete foundation before getting started with construction on several new buildings to house apartments and shops, he told The Stillwater Club.

Another prominent property Pastor recently added to his local portfolio is Rocky Point restaurant in Big Sur — a famously scenic place where exciting possibilities exist, he said.

“We are going to redevelop it as a restaurant, but it’s complicated, because we want the restaurant to be unique, but there’s also a perfect area for picnics, so we have to find a combination to have a dedicated kitchen for the restaurant, but also to prepare some picnic bags for people who don’t want to spend an hour or a lot of money at the restaurant,” Pastor said. “We will also have public parking and public toilets, which will be the only ones between

Carmel and Big Sur.”

An agreement for the future of Rocky Point has already been reached with the Coastal Commission — “They were fantastic,” Pastor said — and it’s now in the hands of the county.

Other projects, including a mixed-use plan at Seventh and Dolores and the Forge in the Forest at Junipero and Fifth, have undergone plenty of scrutiny, and one of the participants at the Wednesday confab asked whether

Pastor was speculating in Carmel real estate or was here for the long term.

“My family created this business with a long-term view,” Pastor said. “My grandfather started it to keep the properties, and that’s exactly what I’m going to do in Carmel. So that’s why I’m happy to wait a couple of years for planning permission. In my family, five or 10 years are nothing. We are building and investing for the next generations.”

## JANET ANN (NELSON) REIMERS

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother and cherished friend to many others. Janet Ann (Nelson) Reimers passed away on Feb. 20, 2025, at the age of 87. She was born on Aug. 31, 1937, in Portland, Oregon, to Thelma (Raz) and Eskil Nelson.

Jan had an active childhood in Southeast Portland and an early foray into what would be a lifelong commitment to service and leadership. At Franklin High School, she served on the Charles F. Berg Fashion Board and was honored to be selected as Franklin’s Princess for the 1955 Rose Festival. She attended Oregon State College (now University), where she was a student body vice president and vice president of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She graduated in 1959 with a degree in home economics education.



A highlight of her young adulthood was working as a Pan Am stewardess from 1959 to 1962, flying around the world and embracing international travel — a passion she carried throughout her life, including an around-the-world trip with her mother and numerous trips to Japan with her husband, Niels.

In 1962, Jan married Niels Reimers, and they settled in Palo Alto, where she taught at Palo Alto High School before raising their three children. A devoted mother, she poured her creativity into hand-sewn Halloween costumes, elaborate birthday cakes, and active roles in the PTA and Girl Scouts. Each year, Jan would host the Tolman Drive Easter party with egg hunts in multiple backyards, one for each age group, culminating with food and festivities in our home.



Outgoing and purpose-driven, Jan volunteered for many years for the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary (WAA), which benefited the Children’s Hospital at Stanford, including serving as president of the WAA and director of the Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park. When her children were teenagers, Jan enjoyed working as a preschool teacher at Grace Lutheran Church in Palo Alto — our family’s church for many years. She also spent many years working in donor recruitment at the Stanford Blood Center, including being a lifelong blood donor herself. After moving to Carmel in 1999, Jan embraced her new community and public service. She served on the Carmel-by-the-Sea Planning Commission and later the City Council (2016–2020), as well as the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Board. Niels and Jan were members of the Quail Lodge Golf Club, where they enjoyed an active social life, and the Church in the Forest in Pebble Beach.

Known as Nani by her grandchildren, Jan had a meaningful bond with each grandchild, all of whom cherish the many happy memories forged at Sea Blink, the home she and Niels built in 2004. Nani rarely missed a grandchild’s play, graduation or competition, always bringing her “Nani Bag” filled with games and books for spending special time with her grandkids.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Niels Juel Reimers; her children and their spouses, Niels and Holly (Van Doren) Reimers, John and Sarah (Dow) Reimers, and Kari (Reimers) and Craig Parsons; and her grandchildren, Dane, Kai and Anna Reimers, Molly, Stuart, William and James Reimers, and Tor, Margaux and Gwen Parsons. She was preceded in death by her brother, Bob, and his wife, Emily (Johnson) Nelson.

Jan will be remembered for her joyful outlook on life, her commitment to living with integrity and kindness, and her enduring love of family, friends, community and tradition.

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## SUE WULFMEYER

Sue Wulfmeyer, 92, of Carmel, CA passed away peacefully at her home of 35 years on Feb. 20, 2025. Born Mary Sue Gray, the only child of Dr. Robert Wesley and Carrie Elizabeth (Jorgenson) Gray. Sue lived in Lewistown, Ill. until her father’s early death. She then lived with relatives until being raised by a dedicated stepfather, Martin Love.

Sue attended Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, graduating with a B.A. in education. She taught school in Peoria, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo. and married a Washington University graduate, Howard Lincks. Their marriage lasted 19 years until Howard’s death in 1976. In the ensuing years she married Jack Wulfmeyer of St. Louis, who preceded her in death in 2018.

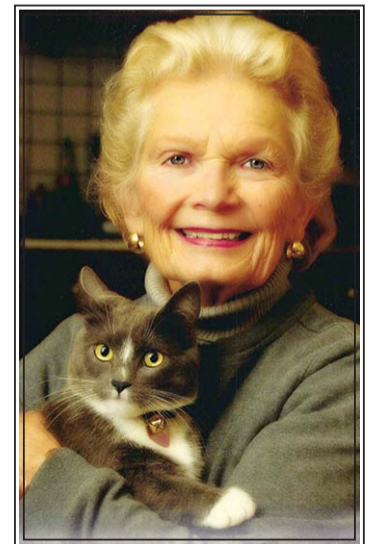
Sue was a loving mother, an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood, Mo.; a Camp Fire Girl leader for nine years; a co-founder of Gateway Garden Club and founder of Gateway Junior Garden Club; served on the board of the Open Space Council for the expansion of regional parks in St. Louis; and served on the Regional Board of Federated Garden Clubs of America.

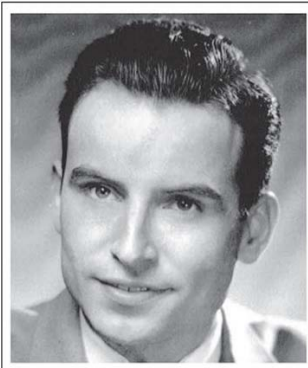
Following Sue and Jack’s move to Walnut Creek, CA she held leadership roles in a variety of Christian Women’s organizations, served with Jack in the Executive Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, and was an active member of her sorority alumnae group.

After locating in Carmel, she and Jack were area directors for the Jesus Video and Film Project and she was an avid volunteer for the Monterey Symphony, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, the Concours d’Elegance and the Carmel Bach Festival. She was an active member of Calvary Monterey, the Carmel Foundation and a local widows group. Sue became an author at the age of 86, publishing two books. Her love of giving, and heart for others to share her inner peace and joy, was seen in the more than 78 fur teddy bears she created and donated to organizational fund raisers to help others spiritually and physically.

Sue is survived by her two children, Jill Jacobs (James) and Holly Jones (Chris); two grandchildren, Spencer Jones and Parker Jones (Rachal); stepchildren, Gary (Sara) and Bruce Wulfmeyer, Cindy Mansfield; step-grandchildren, Brandie Succardi (Frank), Adam Wulfmeyer and step-great-grandchild Kayla Wulfmeyer.

**A celebration of her life will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15 at Calvary Monterey. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Calvary Monterey, the Carmel Foundation or the Bridge Restoration Ministry.**





Fred Lawson, College Senior Picture, 1952



Peggy &amp; Fred at home in Carmel



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## FREDERICK H. LAWSON 1927-2025

Fred Lawson, aged 97, of Carmel, California, passed away peacefully on Jan. 23, 2025. Renowned for his remarkable achievements, ceaseless quest for knowledge and deep commitment to family, Fred left a profound and lasting imprint on the lives of all who had the privilege to know him. Born and raised in Aledo, Illinois, Fred enjoyed a childhood rich with adventures influenced by his parents' strong values of responsibility, diligence and respect for others. He graduated from Aledo High School in 1944, a year that marked a pivotal moment in world history.

Shortly thereafter, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving with honor and distinction during World War II and continuing through the subsequent conflict in Korea. As he rose through the military ranks, Fred attained the distinguished rank of 2-Star Major General in the Army Reserves, showcasing his exceptional leadership abilities, dedication to service and commitment to his country. His contributions included significant roles in logistical operations and engineering projects that shaped military strategy and public service efforts for years to come.

Fred's thirst for knowledge led him to the University of Illinois, where he pursued a degree in business administration and graduated in 1952. It was on this campus that he met Peggy, the love of his life. Their romance blossomed into a marriage that would last an incredible 70 years, characterized by steadfast partnership and countless shared adventures, both big and small. Launching his professional career at Kaiser Aluminum, Fred quickly ascended to the role of executive vice president, thanks to his impressive work ethic, innovative ideas and strategic foresight. He earned a reputation as a trusted negotiator in labor relations, skillfully addressing complex global challenges with integrity and pragmatism. Undeterred by success, Fred continued his pursuit of education at Stanford University, where he was accepted into the prestigious MBA Sloan Program, graduating in 1964 with a renewed focus on leadership in the corporate world.

Outside of his notable professional endeavors, Fred was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He took immense pride in his family, often reflecting on the life lessons and core values he imparted to his children and grandchildren. His ability to combine wisdom, humor and a passion for storytelling created a rich tapestry of memories that will be cherished by his loved ones. Gatherings were often filled with laughter and warmth as Fred shared tales from his life — be they military adventures, career anecdotes, or heartfelt family stories.

Fred is survived by his beloved wife, Peggy, who remained by his side throughout their extraordinary journey together; their two sons, Ted and Tom, who carry forward his legacy; and his precious grandchildren, Andrew and Sarah, who were the pride and joy of his later years. As they navigate life, may they continue to embody the kindness, dedication, and resilience that Fred exemplified. His legacy will undoubtedly live on in the hearts of everyone he touched.

# SANCTUARY

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administration's "unlawful threats" against jurisdictions with sanctuary policies. Monterey County's portion of the lawsuit does not make a distinction between legal and illegal immigration but says the region "was built largely by immigrants."

"Like many other political subdivisions of California, Monterey boasts rich demographic and cultural diversity that reflects its tradition of attracting people from all over the world who come to the county in search of employment opportunities and a better life," according to the lawsuit, filed Feb. 27 in the U.S. District Court Northern District.

Cash-strapped Monterey County estimates it has received a whopping \$480 million in direct federal funding — which represents about 13 percent of all money budgeted in the county — over the last two years.

### 'Safety for immigrants'

The lawsuit explains that, in 2017 and again this year, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors established and reestablished the county as "welcoming" for refugees and undocumented immigrants and declared it "a place of trust and safety for immigrants."

"In flagrant disregard of the law, President Trump seeks once again to punish those who disagree with him, coerce local authorities, and commandeer them into carrying out his agenda," the lawsuit says.

The county recently informed

government employees that they may not, in the course of their employment, give their consent to federal immigration enforcement activities.

Similarly, the Monterey County Sheriff's Office "maintains policies limiting inquiry into immigration status and limiting immigration detainers," the lawsuit states.

The complaint — which lists county counsel Susan Blitch and deputy county counsel Henry Bluestone Smith as the lawyers for the case — requests that Trump's executive order be declared unconstitutional and invalid. It also asks a judge to prevent his administration from enforcing the order and withholding funds to the county.

### No cost

Asked about how much Monterey County intends to spend on the lawsuit, Blitch told The Pine Cone that "except for staff time, we do not expect participation in this lawsuit to generate costs for the county."

Other plaintiffs include the cities of Santa Cruz and Portland and the counties of Santa Clara and San Francisco.

The suit notes that U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi and the Department of Justice have filed lawsuits against states and jurisdictions with policies that limit cooperation with federal immigration enforcement authorities.

In a December 2024 social media post, District 4 Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew claimed that "21 percent of Monterey County residents are undocumented immigrants," which would mean roughly 90,000 people.

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# Painting a picture of a California modernist

BY LILY PATTERSON

THERE'S A long, foggy summer on the way, and any time you need something to lift your mood, a big book on maverick Carmel painter Jane Gallatin Powers should do the trick.

"Jane Gallatin Powers — A California Modernist," published a year ago, contains photographs, sketches, paintings and family interviews collected in the 40 years since Big Sur native Erin Lee Gafill first uncovered her great-great-grandmother's paintings in the basement of her family's Carmel home.

"I was 17, just back from a year in Argentina," Gafill remembered. "I was amazed at what was there. Boxes of photographs, letters, news clippings, amazing custom-made clothing in steamer trunks and a closet full of rolled-up paintings and old furniture."

### The bohemian spirit

Powers was born in 1868, the daughter of Albert Gallatin, whose rags-to-riches story included bringing

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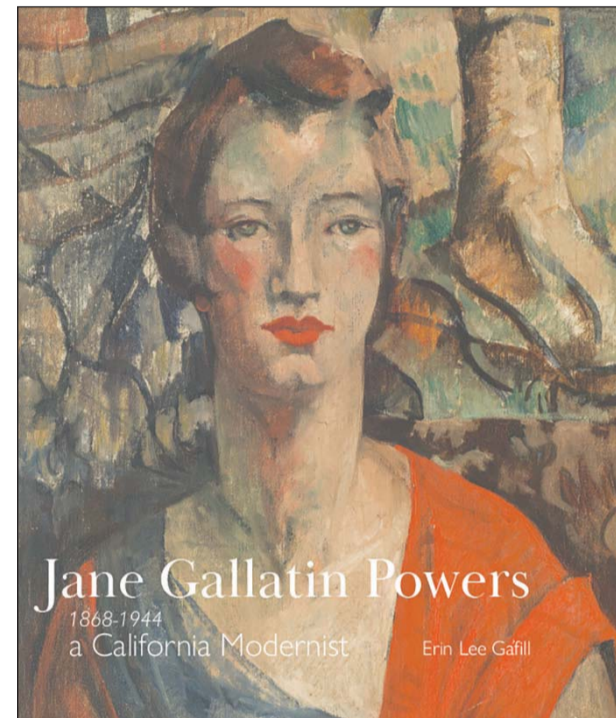
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A biography of Carmel's founding painter (top), who established the city's first art studio on Carmel Beach (above), was published last year by her great-great-granddaughter, local artist Erin Lee Gafill.

## CAROLYN KAY (BRAUER) MILLARD

Carolyn Kay (Brauer) Millard was born in St. Louis, Missouri on April 19, 1941. She was the first child of Edward G. Brauer and Adele M. Schlueter, of Belleville, Illinois. In 1954, her parents moved to Webster Groves, Missouri. There Carolyn attended parochial elementary and secondary schools with her younger brother and sister. Much of her time was devoted to the study of the piano. In 1956, Carolyn was admitted to Webster University having been awarded a music scholarship. After four years of intense study including countless hours alone at the keyboard, and performance of high-stress recitals, she was awarded a bachelor of arts in music education.



It was during her final years in college that she reconnected with a former schoolmate who would ultimately become her husband. On Independence Day 1964, Carolyn married Army Lieutenant Ray Millard. At this point, the two young lovers had known each other for nine years.

Following her initial teaching assignment at Rosary High School in St. Louis, Carolyn assumed the position as lead music education teacher in the North Star School District in Fairbanks, Alaska. Over the next 20 years, Carolyn and Ray and their two sons served and lived in the Republic of Panama, Louisiana, Georgia, Missouri, Kansas, California

and Washington, D.C. There were many separations including two years when Carolyn and her young sons remained in St. Louis while Ray served in the Republic of Vietnam.

Not unlike many young service wives, Carolyn seized opportunities to raise and educate her sons as strong, independent, self-reliant young men. And when dad returned from a deployment, the family sprang into action for the next adventure. For at least four consecutive summers in the early '70s, the family tent camped and backpacked in the Rocky Mountains.

The entire family enjoyed traveling by simple means in this country and abroad. It all began in 1964 when Carolyn and Ray drove Carolyn's VW bug from Missouri to Alaska for their honeymoon. Ten years later, they purchased a used VW Microbus and left Monterey with two young sons. A month and 5,600 miles later, they arrived at the Panama Canal. The detailed log of that adventure shows Carolyn did most of the driving.



Carolyn's generosity knew no bounds. For more than a decade she supported a fellow employee paralyzed as a result of a severe automobile accident. She was his advocate, cheerleader, fund raiser, companion, caregiver and case manager. All of this while raising her sons and building a career as an accomplished liability insurance underwriter.

For more than 10 consecutive years, Carolyn and her husband participated in pilgrimages to Guatemala to aid in construction of rural schools and libraries.

In 2004, Carolyn had a chance encounter with a young Mayan girl selling woven bracelets. Carolyn seized the opportunity to make a difference in the life of this young girl. Today, that young woman has completed college and has become a credentialed teacher in the Guatemalan highlands. She is the first member of her family to achieve more than a sixth-grade education. In 2013, she asked Carolyn to be the godmother of her tiny new son. Carolyn traveled once again to Guatemala and participated in the christening.

Carolyn is survived by her husband, Ray; their sons, Keith and Chris; and three adult grandchildren, Aaron, Katherine and Elisabeth.

**A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 24, 2025, at Saint Angela Merici Church in Pacific Grove, California. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Monterey Bay Aquarium or the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Cetacean Society.**

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# From nail-biting basketball playoffs, to spring dreams of diamond glory

THE CARMEL Padres came up short of winning a second consecutive Central Coast Section Division 4 boys basketball championship Saturday, losing a thriller to the No. 1 seed, The King's Academy, 66-63, at Santa Clara High.

The loss came two days after the second-seeded Padres

remaining when Xavier Barnett's field goal put the Knights up, 56-55.

But Carmel would tie the game three more times down the stretch. The teams were deadlocked 61-61 after Padres senior Hudson Rutherford drained a 3-pointer with just over a minute to play.

King's Academy sealed the victory by scoring five of the final seven points.

The Knights held a 14-13 edge at the end of the first quarter and were up 31-26 at halftime. Carmel outscored the King's Academy by a 21-13 margin in the third quarter and held a 47-44 advantage going into the final period.

Warren Blut, who scored 14 first-half points, led Carmel scorers with 24. Rutherford tallied 17 points (10 in the second half) and Simeon Brown contributed 16 (13 after the intermission).

The Knights got 22 points from Boss Mhoon, a 6-foot-4 freshman, and 20 from Adrian Barnett.

King's Academy (24-4) also was placed in Division 3 of the NorCal playoffs, receiving the No. 1 seed.

## Baseball preview

**Stevenson returns formidable core:** Nearly half of the players on Stevenson's baseball team this spring were part of the postseason roster two years ago, when the Pirates went 20-5 and won the school's first Central Coast Section championship.

That bunch also won a first-round game in the NorCal regional playoffs.

Two additional members of this year's 12-man roster earned varsity letters on another winning team last season.

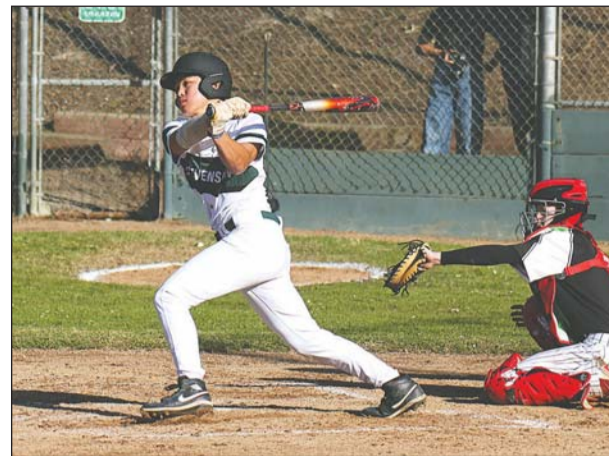
That kind of foundation tends to inject a heavy dose of fervor and confidence, which is exactly what Coach Nick Wilcox is witnessing in early practices.

"It's probably the most enthusiasm I've ever seen here. These guys are so excited to get to practice," said Wilcox, who is beginning his 12th year as head coach of the Pirates. "I see a really, really close group — a lot of camaraderie, a lot of chemistry — and those things really help as a season progresses."

### Five were on CCS title team

Three players — Reggie Bell, Phinn Thomas, and Jack Bucich — were starters and major contributors on that 2023 CCS team. Two more — Brady Mugan and Jack Dalhamer — went to the playoffs as reserves.

Wilcox was equally pleased to discover that most of his



PHOTO/KERRY BELSER

Sluggo Reggie Bell's 25 hits included a team-best five homers last spring, his sophomore year, when he batted .391 and stole 16 bases. He's expected to play shortstop this season.

players showed up bigger, stronger and faster than they were a year ago.

Thomas and Bell, both juniors this season, were first-team All-Mission Division players a year ago.

Thomas can play third base, second base, or shortstop, and could emerge as Stevenson's No. 1 pitcher after a sophomore year when he compiled a 2.70 earned-run average in 36.1 innings.

Stevenson's only left-handed hitter also led the 2024 team in hits (25), RBI (29), and doubles (8) ranked second on the 2024 team in batting (.391), slugging percentage (.681).

Bell, the shortstop, was the team leader in runs (39) and home runs (5) and batted .391 with 25 hits, 18 RBI, nine extra-base hits, a .671 slugging percentage and a .512 on-base average. He also stole 16 bases.

### Bucich is versatile

Those two and Bucich — a senior catcher, outfielder, and pitcher — figure to form the middle of the batting order. Bucich batted .323 with a .403 on-base percentage and drove in 15 runs with 20 hits, ranking among the team leaders in each category.

Speedy junior Tono Borgamini, likely to bat first or

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## Peninsula Sports

By DENNIS TAYLOR

punched their ticket to a second-straight NorCal regional tournament with a 71-47 rout of Half Moon Bay in the CCS semifinals at Carmel High.

Seniors Warren Blut (21 points), Simeon Brown (19) and Hudson Rutherford (12) led Carmel (21-6), which moved on to Thursday's second-round NorCal game against No. 2 Christian Brothers (26-7) in Sacramento.

Semifinals are Saturday, the regional finals are Tuesday. All games begin at 7 p.m. on the home court of the higher seeded team. The state championship game is 4 p.m. March 14 at a site to be determined.

Saturday's CCS title game against Sunnyvale-based King's Academy featured 11 ties and 11 lead changes, the last of which occurred with just under four minutes



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Junior Phinn Thomas, a left-handed hitter, clubbed the baseball at a .391 clip last season, leading the team in hits, RBI and doubles. He also pitches and plays three infield positions.



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# SPORTS

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second, was a .300 hitter, reached base almost 40 percent of the time and can cover ground in the outfield or play second base.

J.J. Hall made a splash last spring as a freshman with a .311 batting average, 19 hits, 16 RBI, four doubles and a home run. He reached base at a .394 clip, and had a .426 slugging percentage.

An arm injury limited Hall to designated hitter duties a year ago, but he's projected to be one of the top two pitchers on the Pirates staff and plays third base and outfield.

### 'A warrior mentality'

Senior letter-winner Flint Dixon is a three-sport athlete with a "warrior mentality and good leadership qualities," Wilcox said. Dixon can play infield but also shows promise as a pitcher.

Mugan, a junior, is another pitcher and a defensive standout in the outfield, where he can play all three positions.

Dalhamer, a junior, is a physically strong player who plays first or third base and could make an impact on the mound.

One of the team's best athletes, senior Henry Blaxter, played baseball as a freshman, got hurt and focused on his best sport — soccer — over the next two seasons. He has exceptional speed and could see action as an infielder or a strong-armed outfielder.

Alex Wang, a 240-pound football lineman, was summoned from the JV team a year ago to step in at catcher after an injury sidelined starter Amani Wilson. As a junior, he projects as a power hitter.

Jack Rice, a junior, shows good potential as a strong-armed pitcher with good potential, and versatile Soren Hillman, another 11th grader, can play all four infield positions and pitch. He's also a scrappy hitter, Wilcox said.

"All of our outfielders can come in and play an infield position, and it's really nice having so much flexibility when you don't have the biggest roster in the league," Wilcox said. "This is a versatile bunch of guys."

### Good offense

The Pirates return to the PCAL's Mission Division, where they were 11-7 a year ago and earned postseason "play-in" game against Monterey (a 7-1 loss) to fill the final slot in the CCS Division 6 bracket.

"I think we're probably going to have a very good offensive team, and right now we're trying to find pieces of the puzzle on the pitching side," Wilcox said.

The Pirates will be joined in the division by Alisal,

Alvarez, North County, Rancho San Juan, Greenfield, Pacific Grove, and Monte Vista Christian.

The Pirates host King City at 4 p.m. March 20 in their final non-division game, then open Mission play at 4 p.m. March 26 at Everett Alvarez.

## Water polo

**Lofty honor for Coach Burke:** Stevenson girls water

polo coach Jon Burke learned last week that he was selected as the Pacific Zone recipient of the Doc Hunkler Award, which celebrates "excellence in high school girls coaching," after guiding the Pirates to their third consecutive CIF NorCal championship game last fall.

The honor made Burke one of 12 finalists for the 2024 USA Water Polo Scholastic Coach of the Year Award.

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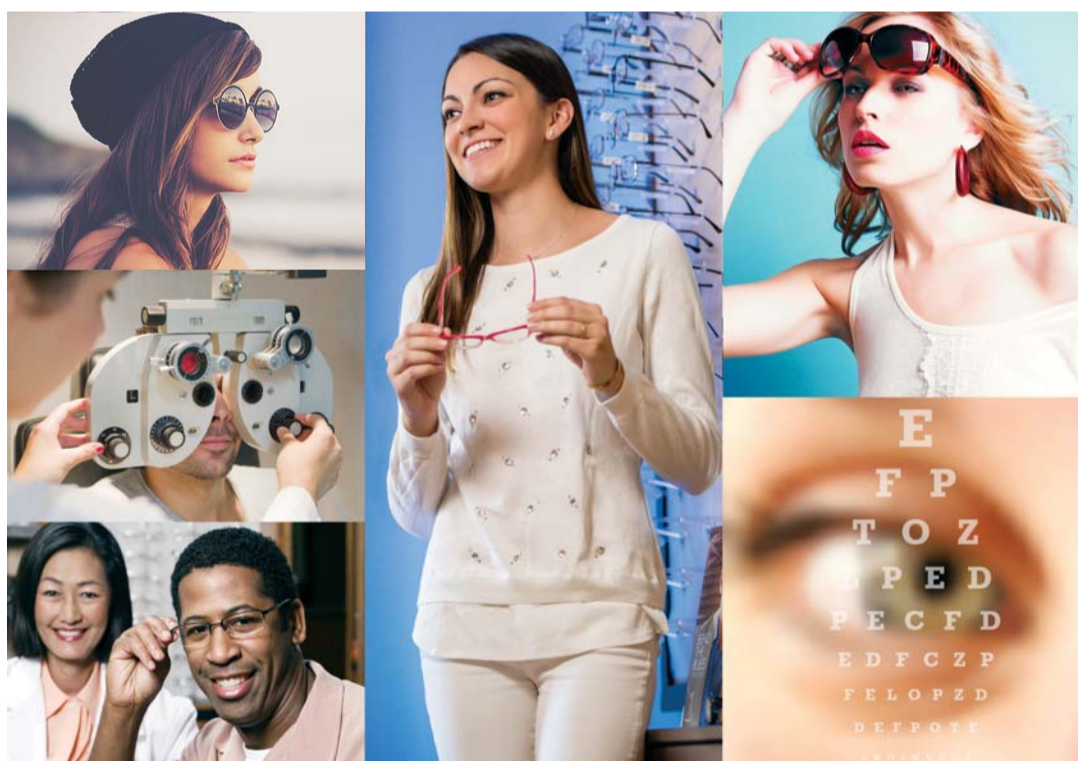
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## Editorial

### A billion here, a billion there

EVERY TIME somebody starts criticizing federal spending on things like, to use citations from President Trump's speech to Congress Tuesday night, "\$45 million for DEI scholarships in Burma, \$8 million to promote LGBTQI+ initiatives in Lesotho, \$1.5 million to boost voter confidence in Liberia and \$14 million to improve public procurement systems in Serbia," there's always a helpful person around to point out that these sums are just a tiny portion of the federal budget. Which is certainly true. The entire foreign aid budget of the much-criticized USAID is just \$72 billion, or a mere 1.2 percent of the fed's \$6 trillion annual spending.

This argument is made so commonly, you might think it actually has merit.

In the New York Times, for example, columnist Paul Krugman often downplayed the fiscal impact of specific programs by comparing them to the overall federal budget. For instance, in a 2011 column defending Social Security against cuts, he wrote, "Social Security's cost as a percentage of our gross domestic product is modest compared to the budget as a whole."

Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, during debates over funding for the Affordable Care Act in 2010, argued that the costs of certain provisions were negligible in the grand scheme. In a 2009 press conference, she remarked about ACA subsidies, "This is a fraction of what we spend overall."

Not to be outdone, Sen. Bernie Sanders has frequently justified expansive programs like Medicare for All or student debt forgiveness by pointing to their relative size. In a 2019 interview on CNN, he said of free college proposals, "We're talking about a small percentage of the federal budget."

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a progressive think tank, has published analyses minimizing the budgetary impact of safety net programs. In a 2017 report on food stamps, it noted, "SNAP accounts for only about 2 percent of federal spending."

Former president Barack Obama, in a 2011 speech on fiscal policy, defended investments in education and infrastructure, saying, "These investments are a small portion of our overall budget."

And, just a few weeks ago, Newsweek magazine, while noting that "the U.S. is by far the world's largest provider of humanitarian aid, with USAID administering billions of dollars in humanitarian, development, and security assistance in more than 100 countries," also said that "the U.S. spends less than 1 percent of its budget on foreign assistance, a smaller share overall than some other countries."

The logic of these arguments is inescapable. Compared to the federal budget, a billion dollars is a very small sum. And despite silly counter arguments — like the famous quote attributed to former Illinois Sen. Everett Dirksen, "A billion here, a billion there, pretty soon, you're talking real money" — we don't understand why people make such a big deal out of spending the hard-earned dollars of U.S. taxpayers on things like "\$32 million for a left-wing propaganda operation in Moldova and \$10 million for male circumcision programs in Mozambique." It's not like the taxpayers would spend their money on feeding the kids or paying the electric bill. For sure, they'd just blow it on cheap beer, lottery tickets and a new gunrack for the pickup.

We also don't buy the argument that the government could find much better uses for the money right here at home — such as to improve the living conditions of indigent seniors. Because, who cares?

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### Flanders plan

Dear Editor,

I recently attended Carmel's Annual Strategic Planning Meeting. It discussed an overwhelming array of issues important to address at some point. That was the point of the workshop. It was an opportunity for staff, council and residents to weigh in on what to tackle over the next year. One casualty of the discussion was Flanders Mansion. It was decided to put off dealing with it for a year, regardless of the following facts:

- The new Carmel Outlands nonprofit organization presented the city with an opportunity to allow a feasibility study to determine the cost of a restoration in 2025, with 14 local contractors and consultants giving in-kind donations at no expense to the city.

- The committed funds to do the feasibility study are valued at \$61,125, and the report would be owned by the city.

- It would require a minimum amount of time from city staff, including an MOU, which Brandon Swanson practically wrote verbally in the meeting.

- No strings are attached to the report (3D scans, photos, videos, and a three-phase restoration plan with cost estimates). It can be used by the city any way they see

fit to determine the details of a request for proposal or whatever process they want when the study is delivered in July.

- The consultants are available for the next 60 days only.

- The study would require access to the building for just two days.

Three county neighbors spoke out against the preliminary concept proposed by Carmel Outlands, maintaining the space for small groups to meet utilizing existing parking, because they do not want traffic. Really? We're talking about an average of three to four cars a day at the property if the Carmel Outlands plan, as it is now, is ever even adopted. On Dolores Street, where I live, I see over 100 cars and trucks passing in front of my house each day. I also have six neighbors within a stone's throw of my property. Flanders is quite distant from any houses in the neighborhood. The Carmel Outlands plan does not propose large events, big parties, commercial uses, or loud noises. Instead, Flanders could become a community asset that we all can enjoy in perpetuity, at no significant cost to the city.

Karyl Hall, Carmel

### Dogs on Mission Trail

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate the volunteers at Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve for all they are doing to try to protect and restore "Carmel's most magical forest," as they call it. It certainly was so for me during my childhood, when I spent countless hours enjoying it.

Unfortunately, in recent years, Mission Trails' mission as a nature preserve has

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# Abalone, honeybees, a Ford tractor, and a pickup without doors

**'BEST STARTERS,'** Neil Selbicky explained, reaching for the stack of Carmel Pine Cones piled up to the couch arm. He crouched at his fireplace, made from a water tank he repurposed, and began to crumple sheafs of old newspaper under the logs. It got things going. The madrone was a little wet, which can happen when you burn only what you cut from fallen trees.

Selbicky will turn 92 this year. Life

honey from Selbicky's hives until last year, when one too many black bears put an end to beekeeping at the cabin.) The two attended P.G. High together and worked at Forest Hill Store, now the Trader Joe's on Forest Avenue.

Selbicky would stay on at Forest Hill Store for another 15-odd years. Which was a good thing since, in 1951 and still in high school, he got hitched.

Driving doorless in his '39 Chrysler pickup — he figured removing both sides of the cab would make for a more comfortable ride — Selbicky and his sweetheart, Joan, headed to Reno.

Elopement was no youthful folly, considering the Selbickys will celebrate 75 years on Aug. 21.

No, the mistake was imagining they could skirt his devout Catholic grandmother.

A second wedding would take place at St. Angela's on Lighthouse Avenue.

### Help from friends

How does a grocer score his slice of paradise? He first recruits his best man and childhood friend, Roger Sherman. It was 1971, two decades before the area nearby became The Santa Lucia Preserve, when Sherman and Selbicky jointly purchased their property from Ruth Lockheed, sister of local plumber Charlie McFadden.

At the end of "Neil's Road," McFadden's old hunting cabin sat on top of railroad ties, a lousy foundation. In 1983, a mudslide swept the corrugated metal cabin clean off.

On a fresh concrete foundation,

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## Great Lives

By LILY PATTERSON

happens between here and Pacific Grove, where he was born in 1933 and raised four children with his wife, Joan. "Here" is his second home — 100 acres of wild country neighboring The Santa Lucia Preserve.

There's one dirt road to Selbicky's cabin, a 3-mile project he's kept up since 1965. There are fallen trees to cut and clear, culverts to keep an eye on and grading to be done with a blue Ford tractor you figure he found somewhere in the woods back in 1971 when he bought the place. Tom Gray, co-founder of the Santa Lucia Conservancy, was the first to refer to Garzas Trail as "Neil's Road." Thanks to its namesake, hikers and horseback riders daily enjoy a safe, scenic trail up Robinson Canyon.

### A Peninsula childhood

As a kid, Selbicky spent weekends camping in rarefied coastal spots like Pfeiffer Beach and Rancho San Clemente. He's always loved Rancho San Carlos, which serves as the hub of The Preserve, and feels lucky to witness its revival. "It's a working cattle ranch again, and I appreciate that."

Home in Monterey, dinner frequently meant abalone — still legal to harvest, back then — thinly sliced, then fried. Selbicky's father showed his two sons how to gather their limits, 10 abalone per person, which Selbicky remembered were "all legal, 7 inches." The Selbicky pantry was otherwise stocked with sardines from Carmel Cannery, where his mother worked.

By high school, Selbicky and his friends were hitchhiking to fish the Little Sur and Carmel Rivers — out and back, sometimes before the first bell — where the daily limit was 25 fish, usually steelhead trout.

If you don't know Selbicky, you can reckon you've met one of his friends. Someone like Charlie Higuera of Grove Market, where Selbicky stops in to catch up most weeks. (Higuera stocked



PHOTO/CHRISTINE BUSH

Neil Selbicky owns 100 acres behind the Santa Lucia Preserve. He's rebuilt his cabin twice since 1971, with help from friends and family.

# The business of counting on art

**FIVE YEARS** ago, at long last, John Cromwell's pining prevailed over the practicality that had delayed his lifelong aspiration.

"My wife, Donna Chiaro, always told her friends, 'I married an artist ... but he became a banker,'" confided the Carmel Point resident, sharing his spouse's playful lament.

In fact, the courtship of his wife of 42 years included giving Donna one of his early paintings. They were co-workers at

this one," he said. "It's really a lot of fun to create something, then watch what it becomes."

### A Carmel honeymoon

Donna married John in 1982, and they honeymooned for four days in Carmel-by-the-Sea. They stayed at historic La Playa Hotel, where he had worked as a dishwasher a decade earlier — right out of high school — for his uncle, Al Brenner, who managed the historic inn. It was a two-week gig for the 18-year-old, just before he made his way up to Santa Clara University to study art.

His pursuit of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree was short-lived. As a first-year

college student, Cromwell took a job at the campus print shop, an experience that convinced him to boost his business acumen.

"So, I took an accounting class at the end of my freshman year," he said. "And that's when I decided that I probably was better off majoring in finance, with a minor in fine art."

Though his mother and father — both

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## Carmel's Artists

By DENNIS TAYLOR

the Bank of Hawaii, where she was a management trainee and he was the trainer.

For Cromwell, that Hawaii job was the beginning of a professional career that spanned nearly four decades. In 2019, he retired from his position as managing director of GrowthPoint Technology Partners, the investment bank he co-founded 14 years earlier.

Stepping away from his company also enabled Cromwell to embrace his teenage plan, returning to his easel as a full-time painter.

### Grand opening

And on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. he'll take an even bigger step with a soft opening of his own gallery, Carmel Modern (Sixth Avenue, west of Dolores Street next to the Little Swiss Café), where his co-exhibitor will be his friend and neighbor, Lucas Blok, another abstract colorist.

A grand opening is in the works for later this month or early April.

"I was advised by another gallery owner that this might not be a great time to open a gallery, due to the uncertainty of our economy," Cromwell said.

"But, as a banker, I always loved being part of the startup phase of a business, which is why I feel very comfortable starting



PHOTO/DONNA CHIARO

Carmel artist John Cromwell specializes in acrylic paintings in an abstract colorist style. He'll exhibit them at Carmel Modern, his own gallery, which will open its doors Saturday.

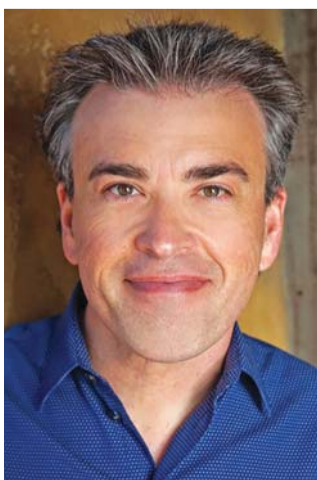


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# ARTIST

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hobbyist painters — were enthusiastically supportive of his passion and talent for art, he said they were relieved when he changed majors.

“I think they had resigned themselves to my decision to be an art major,” Cromwell mused. “I’m pretty sure they were overjoyed when I switched to finance on my own.”

The Cromwells were a dedicated U.S. Navy family. Both of John’s grandfathers and his uncles had served. His father did two tours in Vietnam, where he was doused with Agent Orange (and later contracted leukemia, probably as a result) and survived the 1968 Tet Offensive, a massive surprise assault by the North Vietnamese army and the Viet Cong.

## No art classes at Annapolis

“My parents were acclimated to the

Navy life and very much wanted me to continue that tradition,” said Cromwell, who considered enrolling at the U.S. Naval Academy after high school but changed his mind when he found no art classes in the catalogue.

Another plan — enrolling at the San Francisco Art Institute — was scrapped after his much-admired high school art instructor suggested a traditional four-year university was a smarter idea.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from Santa Clara in 1976 and followed with a Master of Business Administration from UC Berkeley in 1989, both in finance.

Much of Cromwell’s lengthy career involved Silicon Valley’s robust tech industry, including four years as Bank of America’s global head of technology, nine as a managing director for Alliant Partners’ software business and a 14-year stint with GrowthPoint Technology, his Palo Alto-based company, providing financial services to tech companies.

When he retired in 2019, Cromwell and Donna became full-time residents of

Carmel-by-the-Sea, where they had lived part time since 2009.

That’s also when the art studio became his workplace.

“Until that moment, my life had been very electronically connected — constant emails from clients in Europe, Australia, New Zealand...” he said. “My work days in banking tended to be very long, very engaged. I could never really shut down and focus on just one thing.”

## Savoring the quiet

“Suddenly, all of that electronic interference was gone — I didn’t have to deal with any of it,” said Cromwell, who enjoys listening to audio books as he paints. “It was so refreshing — such an amazing feeling, knowing that I was free to spend my day at the easel, creating a piece of art.”

Cromwell initially created representational paintings in Carmel — landscapes and seascapes — then gravitated toward the colorist abstract style he and Blok will show at Carmel Modern.

“I started out doing paintings of Carmel River Beach, cypress trees, things like that,” he said. “But after a while, I decided

that a lot of people were doing that, and I felt like realism was too limiting for me.”

Cromwell uses a digital platform, Sketchbook, to design his concepts, experimenting with colors and shapes to create the images that inspire his acrylic paintings.

“I find painting abstracts much more difficult than painting objective pieces,” he said. “Making an abstract piece that’s approachable is challenging, and creating a mood with abstract is very difficult.

Blok is a native of Holland, but spent his teenage years in Palo Alto. He’s been a Carmel resident since 1976 and is a longtime member of the Carmel Art Association.

“I really admire Lucas’ pieces and how immersive they are,” Cromwell said. “It’s the type of art you want to study and contemplate.”

Images of his paintings, and additional information, can be found at cromwells-studio.com. View Blok’s art at lucasblok.com.

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# ‘Catalog Show’ features CAA artists, downtown P.G. lights up March 7

**SHOWCASING** 57 of its members, Carmel Art Association unveils its annual March Catalog Show Saturday with a public reception at 4 p.m.

The show will feature two pieces by each of the artists, including painters, sculptors, printmakers, mosaic artists, weavers and illustrators. According to the gallery’s Lili Mendez, the display will

Shaheen Schmidt’s “New Beginnings.” The exhibit will be on display through April 24.

Schmidt finds creative inspiration in “the natural environment as well as my own inner nature.” Her work seeks to “communicate a sense of awakening.”

“Nature is in a continuous rhythm of transformation, each change being the start of a new beginning,” the artist explains. “Our inner nature is deeply connected to those natural cycles outside. We celebrate spring with vibrant colors, energizing our entire being.”

Also opening Friday is a solo show by painter Ralph Joachim (“An Abstract Landscape”), and group shows by painters Romanos, Gordon Schacher, Jackie Steakley and Susan Loewy (“Monterey Glass Room Artists”) and students of Big Sur Charter School (“Exploring Nature and the Cosmos”). A third show, “Then and Now,” features art done in a variety of mediums by Christine Watten, Tim Hill and Rima West.

A public reception starts at 7 p.m., with music by guitarist Chris Gourlay, and multi-instrumentalists Sandor Nagyszalanczy and Karen Lehman.

The P.G. Art Center is located at 568 Lighthouse Ave.

## ■ Also on Friday

It’s also First Fridays in Pacific Grove March 7, with downtown shops and galleries staying open late. This month marks the 15th anniversary of the festive gathering.

Besides the art center, participants include Artisana Gallery, the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History and Studio 171 — the last, which specializes in glass art, celebrates its third anniversary Friday.

In Sand City, the town’s Art Park (525 Ortiz Ave.) hosts the monthly 831 Night Market, which starts at 5 p.m. and features a varied display of local art, along with live music by the Rumba Madre. And in Seaside, Other Brother Beer (877 Broadway) hosts a closing reception Friday at 6 p.m. for the exhibit “Arts for a Cause,” which showcases local artists and is raising funds for the ongoing AI & Friends food giveaway.

## ■ Talk set for Tuesday

Curator and writer Cydney Payton presents a talk on the late photographer Morley Baer Tuesday, 6 p.m., at the Monterey

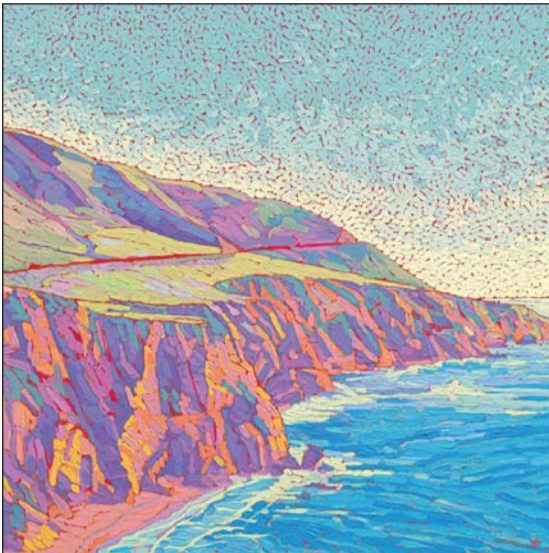
Museum of Art.

Baer, who died in 1995 in Monterey at 79, earned acclaim for his work with the camera. The museum is hosting a show, “Modernism in Northern California Archi-

# Art Roundup

By CHRIS COUNTS

itecture,” which explores his fascination with Northern California’s mid-century modern architecture. Payton curated the show, which will be on display through April 27. The lecture is \$10 for museum members and \$25 for non-members. It is located at 559 Pacific St.



Jeffrey Becom’s painting, “Cliffs and Meadow, Big Sur,” is featured in Carmel Art Association’s annual Catalog Show, which opens this week. A reception is set for Saturday at 4 p.m.

“captivate visitors with a display of individuality, beauty and exceptional quality.”

The reception offers a chance to “meet your favorite artists, explore new local art, sip wine, and enjoy live jazz performed by the Rick Forschino Combo,” Mendez said.

The show continues through the end of the month. The gallery, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., is located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth.

### ‘New Beginnings’

Five shows open Friday at the Pacific Grove Art Center, including painter

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## LIVES

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Selbicky rebuilt as soon as he had the redwood to do it. Big Sur resident Jo Chapman set him and his chainsaw loose on the fallen trees across her property, Rancho Calera. It was the site of the inimitable Chapman's annual Mother's Day cattle branding, where Selbicky was always on barbecue duty. And who didn't show on Mother's Day, between actress Kim Novak and the Post and the Trotter families? Who wouldn't show when invited by Chapman, a single woman who drove a pink 1963 Thunderbird up and down Highway 1? (She swapped it for a red Jeep to survey her herd of black Angus cattle.) Chapman and Selbicky were close friends until her death in 2001. "She was something else," he recalled.

Over on Brazil Ranch, Allen Funt of "Candid Camera" was pretty helpful, too. He let Selbicky borrow his little sawmill any time he needed to make some beams.

### Memories saved

By 2016, "do-it-yourself" was a popular search category on Pinterest and YouTube, not that Selbicky knew or cared. "DIY" was the way things had always been done.

So, weeks before his 83rd birthday when the Soberanes Fire raged down the Santa Lucia foothills and destroyed his redwood cabin, Selbicky had every intention of rebuilding. Naturally.

"The hardest part was cleaning up the debris. I'd stay in that honey room down there, and I'd just work on it until I got tired," Selbicky recalled.

A fire crew managed to save that honey room farther down the hill. At his beekeeping peak, Selbicky tended 40 hives, all from wild swarms. He's a live-bee removal specialist and still takes calls for friends.

His skinning room survived, too.

Nowadays Selbicky can make one deer last a whole year, but raising four kids took a lot of fish, wild meat and foraged mushrooms. Then there was the time his son, Aaron, hadn't come home after dark. Selbicky went out, sick with bear-sized dread, only to find his 14-year-old trudging back down the canyon, lugging a huge buck.

The fire had scorched his 80-acre easement, an island behind The Preserve within U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service territory. Two springs later, he drove friends out for a scouting mission. They crossed the ridge and everything had changed in the fire's aftermath. As far as they could see, the Santa Lucias were blanketed in poppies and lupines.

### 'I would do it'

Sherman was living in Alaska. Selbicky had long since bought his half of their property. A longtime coworker, Leslie Field, offered to help him start over.

The two squared away every inch of his present-day cabin, aside from some cozy additions. "That's all Joan," Selbicky noted. He spent weeks framing up walls with plywood so his nephews could come and apply stucco. He and Field could handle the windows, the vaulted ceiling, the solar panels and plumbing. Selbicky smoothed antlers to make custom drawer and cabinet handles for his kitchen.

Few are the fixtures and features that Selbicky hasn't fashioned himself.

Only good economic sense trumps his pride in handiwork. His closet was \$15 at auction. Joan's was \$25. "That's a good deal. I couldn't build anything cheaper than that." He paid \$75 for the one in his honey room. "A nice one. Probably over 100 years old."

Should his new cabin succumb to nature's whims, Selbicky will let nature answer the question: Would he rebuild again?

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# POWERS

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hydroelectric power to California. She would study with impressionist painter William Merritt Chase and modernist André Lhote, a student of Paul Cézanne's. Her husband, San Francisco attorney Frank Powers, made a pivotal deal in 1899 with one special payout: a forest by the beach.

By 1901, Powers owned most of present-day Carmel-by-the-Sea and would go on to develop the city with J. Frank Devendorf. Meanwhile, Jane would set up Carmel's first art studio in 1903, The Dunes, on Carmel Beach.

The Carmel Arts and Crafts Club followed in 1905. Artists and writers flocked south in the aftermath of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, encouraged by the Powers' patronage. The Carmel bohemians had landed.

### 'A merry chase'

After her husband's death in 1922, Powers continued to paint — only in Paris, Capri and Rome, where she raised her four children and showed her work in public and private galleries.

Among Powers' paintings, Gafill encountered experiments in impressionism and cubism.

"I took an oil painting class specifically to understand her better," Gafill said, also an artist member of CAA. "I credit her with bringing me into the joy of painting."

The biography contains lesser-known tales, too, like how Powers found herself in Nazi-occupied Rome in 1942, estranged for years from her family yet surrounded

by her paintings.

Gafill feels like she's just getting acquainted with her great-great-grandmother, 40 years after her initial discover. "I still feel like I don't know enough," she emphasized. "Learning about her life has taken me on a merry chase."

You can find "Jane Gallatin Powers — A California Modernist" at Harrison



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Gafill's book contains previously unseen photographs of her great-great-grandmother, Carmel artist Jane Gallatin Powers, like this one of Powers and her son, Gallatin, in 1908.

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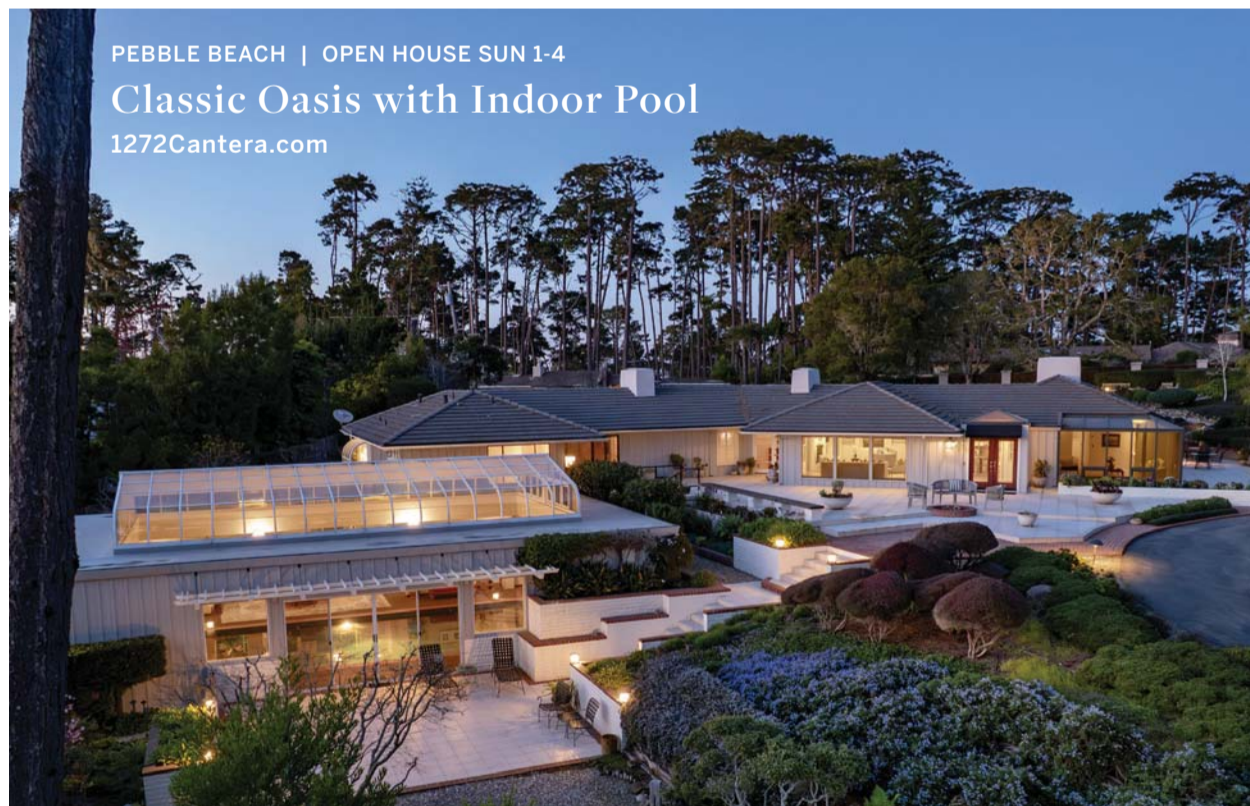


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# Celebration

## OF THE ARTS

### York School musicians take Manhattan

By ELAINE HESSER

‘A DREAM come true!’ ‘Amazing!’ ‘Memorable!’

Teenagers are a notoriously tough audience, but 16 York School juniors and seniors who went to New York City with four theater-loving chaperones on Presidents Day weekend to perform at Lincoln Center gave their experience reviews that’d turn a producer green with envy.

For the second year running, Spencer Williams, the Monterey school’s performing arts director, took a group of choristers to perform in Manhattan Concert Productions’ Broadway series. He noted with some pride that York’s choir was one of only two groups asked back after last year’s performance, thanks to the students’ professionalism and work ethic.

This year’s production, “Anastasia,” was the 13th in a series that brings hundreds of students from across the country together to “join the Broadway Festival Chorus for an immersive five-day residency” with a professional cast and crew, according to the program for the performance.

#### Revolutionary

Last year, the students sang in “Children of Eden,” a Stephen Schwartz (composer of “Godspell”) musical, and previous years have seen “The Secret Garden,” “Rag-time,” “Titanic” and other well-known shows.

The productions aren’t full performances but focus on the songs with limited choreography and plot references.

“Anastasia,” a 2017 show, was adapted from the 1997 20th Century Fox animated feature, a highly fictionalized version of events stemming from the murder of the Romanov family — including Nicholas II, the last czar of Russia — during the Bolshevik Revolution. In its telling, 5-year-old Duchess Anastasia Romanov is whisked away



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A group of singers from York School in Monterey gathered at Lincoln Center, where they performed music from “Anastasia.”



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# CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

## Photo exhibit celebrates Carmel Valley cowboy culture

By CHRIS COUNTS

**PRACTICALLY EVERY** land use hearing in Carmel Valley features a debate over the merits of preserving the community's rural character — but what was it really like when there were more cowboys living in the valley than retirees? Thanks to a new exhibit of photographs that recently opened at the Carmel Valley Library, you can see for yourself.

All black-and-white, the striking images were taken by resident James Ziegler in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. They capture a place where traditional cowboy culture thrived, showcasing local ranches and the cowboys who worked there, along with activities like roping and branding. Before he died in 1993 at 87, Ziegler arranged to leave the collection to the Carmel Valley Historical Society. The latter loaned a number of images to the Carmel Valley

Library, where they are on display through summer.

To take such sharp images of cowboys in action, Ziegler needed to get close to them, which came with certain risks because livestock can be unpredictable — especially when someone is poking them with a red-hot branding iron. But he knew many of the ranch owners, who gave him special access.

“The cowhands at Tularcitos Ranch were warned to ‘not wipe out the photographer’ when roping and branding cattle,” explained Jeff Ohlson of the Carmel Valley Historical Society.

According to Ohlson, Ziegler was a gifted photographer with a keen eye for details.

“His images are Life magazine and National Geographic quality,” he continued. “He knew his way around a camera.”

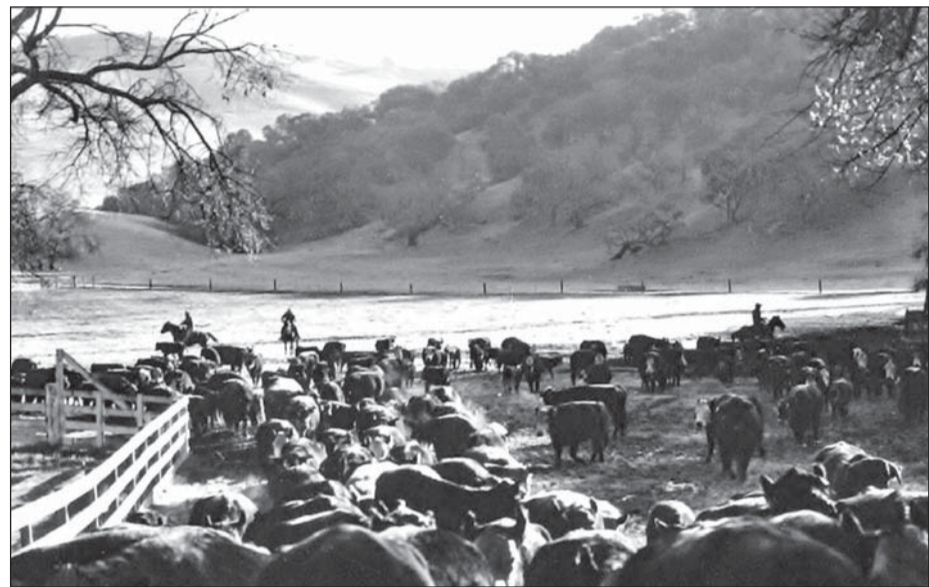
Ohlson said the photos reveal a fascinating time and place. “If you read the captions, you’ll learn a lot of about ranching and the cowhands pictured,” he suggested.

### Bringing back memories

Ziegler's daughter, Martha Karstens of Big Sur, told *The Pine Cone* she recently visited the show, which brought back many memories. Karstens was a youngster when her family moved to Carmel Valley in 1956. She learned to ride a horse at an early age.

“I spent many hours at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club,” she recalled. “Back then, Carmel Valley was much more rural than it is now — you could practically ride down the road.”

Located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road, the library is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



In the mid-20th century, resident James Ziegler captured a series of photographs that show what life was like in rural Carmel Valley, including a ranch house (top) and a roundup (above).



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Carmel, Sunset on Ocean Ave | 1999

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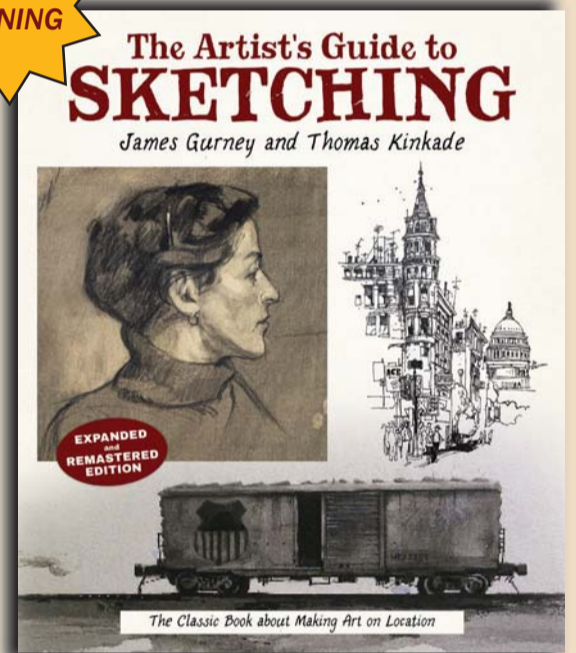
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## You really can paint more than the walls of the garage

By LISA CRAWFORD WATSON

**AMONG ALL** the student artists Jessica Ansberry has taught — ages 4 through 104 — she often thinks of Tom, a senior in a memory care unit who didn't remember much except that he had called his kids "the five tomatoes." So, every time they met, he painted tomatoes.

"Tom was the happiest guy, and he'd have so much fun in class," Ansberry said. "I was teaching art while he and his fellow students were teaching me so much about living."

Ansberry enjoys teaching seniors at Merrill Gardens in Monterey and other facilities. Yet she may be best known for her "Progress Not Perfection Paint Parties," acrylic and watercolor workshops for all ages throughout the Monterey Bay area.

At office gatherings, bachelorette parties, or evenings among friends in someone's home, Ansberry teaches participants how to paint their versions of an image she creates in advance.

"As soon as students walk in, they tell me they've never painted, or they can't paint. I let them know I have no judgment. And I get rid of fear and anxiety by remind-



Jessica Ansberry completed a painting, live, at the Champions of the Arts Gala for the Arts Council of Monterey County (left) and is shown facilitating a watercolor workshop for guests at Rustique Wines.

ing them that it's just paint. They aren't being chased by a bear."

By the end of class, her students have their own paintings, paired with a new sense of confidence and accomplishment.

Ansberry has long considered herself an artist yet didn't start painting formally until she was 31. Now 43, she established a career teaching art at in Salinas at Notre Dame High School and Madonna del Sasso parish school. She teaches for the Arts Council for Monterey County, whose mission includes "nurturing, supporting, and promoting the arts."

Ansberry is pursuing her master's degree in arts education through the Academy of Art in San Francisco. For more information, visit [pnppaintparty.com](http://pnppaintparty.com).

### Creativity on the coast

Beckoned by this area's natural beauty, artists enjoy a long-established tradition of setting up easels along coastal stretches and rural roads. Since 2012, Carol Henry and

Rich Brimer have been teaching students how to make the most of the elements and the environment as they paint through Carmel Visual Arts, a training program for painters, sculptors, and photographers.

"My wife, Carol, has a background in photography," Brimer said. "She was gallery director at Post Ranch Inn and the fine-print specialist for the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite. For seven years, she also mentored nearly 100 women photography students through a program called Photo Saga."

A full-time artist and director of Carmel Visual Arts, Brimer typically uses oil paints in his classes, but invites students to use whatever medium they prefer. His courses offer still-life and studio work on paintings started from photos or copies of master paintings to introduce concepts of composition, value, and color.

Brimer began drawing on his own as a young boy. He started taking art classes in junior high and continued

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# T H E A R T S

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before the carnage and, as a young adult, seeks out her grandmother, who had previously moved to Paris.

For the Feb. 17 performance, actors Christy Altomare, John Bolton and Mary Beth Peil reprised the Broadway roles they originated — Anastasia, Vladimir Popov, and Anastasia’s grandmother, respectively. According to Maia Thielen — the school’s communications manager and one of the chaperones — junior Elysha Kennedy, a longtime fan of the show, was positively

giddy when she met Altomare. Thielen and Williams recounted how Kennedy, who is also a visual artist, made a pencil sketch of Altomare as Anastasia and gave it to the actress, who displayed it on the front cover of her rehearsal binder.

Said Kennedy, “Having the opportunity to perform at the Lincoln Center with such an incredible cast was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and I’m so blessed and grateful that York School went and participated in such an amazing event. ‘Anastasia’ is

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my favorite musical of all time and getting to perform it in New York City was more than I could have ever dreamed of.”

The students rehearsed for months to memorize the music and paid their own ways for the trip. The 400 participating singers were divided into two choirs — one for the first act, set in Russia, and the other for the second, set in Paris.

“We were the ‘Russia’ choir, so our kids got to sit down in the audience after they were done and just watch the second act,” said Williams. He said he attended the professionally led rehearsals sparingly so he could better enjoy the performance’s impact.

“As an audience member, I was fully into it. I got shivers,” he said, noting that

the unusually large 28-piece symphony orchestra added great sound.

It was emotional for junior Olivia Bruckboeck, too. “I’ll never forget this amazing trip. The show, ‘Anastasia,’ will always be linked to this experience, and it brings tears of happiness every time I see it,” she said.

For several newcomers to the choir, “Anastasia” was one of their first times on stage.

“It was a little scary for me,” said Williams with a laugh. “Normally, their first performance should be in our chapel,” a significantly less intimidating venue at the high school.

The students also attended the shows, “Sunset Boulevard,” “Hadestown” and “& Juliet,” which stars Joey Fatone, formerly of the 1990s boy band, NSYNC. That led

to some sobering realizations, since the chaperones remembered Fatone from his teen idol days, which, of course, were before their students were born. If that didn’t make them feel old, the kids’ excitement over the actress who played the female lead, TikTok star Charli D’Amelio — a stranger to the adults — certainly pushed them over the edge.

Williams said he wanted to build some history into the trip, as he did in 2024 when everyone went to the 9/11 Memorial. “The kids still talk about being there. It was really impactful,” he said.

This time, they visited the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center and Museum in Greenwich Village. They arrived to discover it was about to close for the day, but in a plot twist that might have come from a Broadway musical, they ran into the museum director, who not only invited them in but “pretty much gave us a private tour,” Williams said.

“It’s really important for the students to see some history, the stuff they talk about in classes,” he added.

He thinks that next year — they’ve al-

ready been invited back to Lincoln Center — they might check out the Tenement Museum.

Some of the teens had never been to New York, and small-group activities included a scavenger hunt in midtown Manhattan, a visit to the Metropolitan Opera House, and additional Broadway shows. Two enterprising students even worked in a campus visit to Fordham University.

Thielen said that after seeing other musicals, “some students said they didn’t realize how different different genres of shows could be,” and that one singer, who had been certain she wanted to attend a California college, broadened her view during the trip.

Junior Thomas Huston nicely summed up the students’ experience when he said, “I loved getting to see New York for the first time, and it made it so much more fun to be with my besties, too. The ‘grand finale’ where we got to perform at the Lincoln Center, was insane and a really amazing moment. Seeing so many Broadway shows and famous places were very memorable experiences.”

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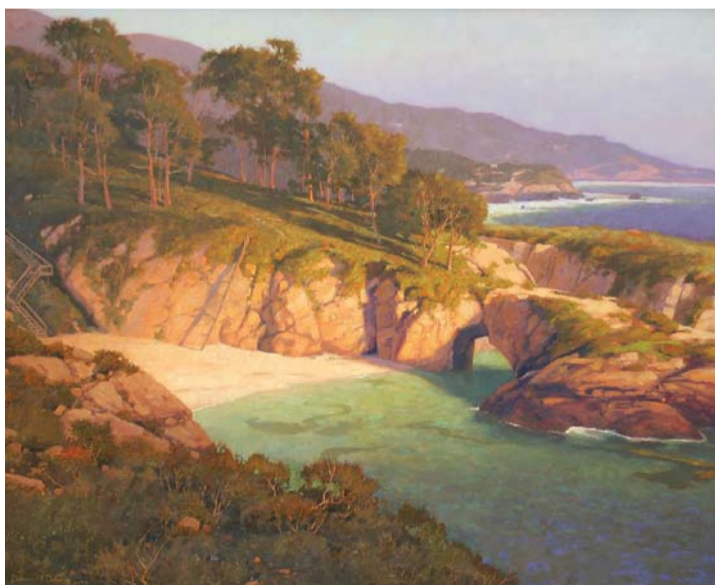
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through college, graduating with an art degree from California Lutheran University.

“When not painting on my own, I spent most of my early career as an art director, creating print media, videography and websites,” he said.

In 2019, Brimer and Henry opened a bed-and-breakfast inn with an art studio called Wildflower Ranch Inn in Kentucky, so they divide their time between there and Carmel, where they teach in the studio, outdoors and online.

“We offer classes in watercolor and oil painting, as well as pastel — three-day intensives that start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.,” Brimer said. “When painting plein air, it’s always a good idea to have a little experience behind your brush because getting out into the open air offers a big perspective influenced by wind and rain, clouds that come and go, and the shifting light. Plein air painting is definitely an adventure sport.”

For more information or to register for classes, visit [carmelvisualarts.com](http://carmelvisualarts.com).

### Foundations

After some coffee and conversation, Carmel Foundation members (who must be at least 55) often spend hours in creative activities, dining and socializing. For 75 years, the venerable organization has provided a haven of creativity, culture and engagement.

“We have at least 10 classes that support visual arts alone, including painting, photography, darkroom processing, woodcarving,” noted executive assistant Gia Soule, who listed many other available creative outlets.

Longtime volunteer instructors include Joe Suprenant, who leads the woodcarving group, as well as Lisa Handley, who teach-



Carol Henry and Rich Brimer of Carmel Visual Arts.

es several collage and papercraft courses.

The group offers art presentations, including an upcoming program featuring local gallery owner and artist Robin Winfield. Outings to museums featuring significant exhibits are coordinated by volunteer services director Melissa McKenzie and are quite popular with members.

For more information, visit [carmelfoundation.org](http://carmelfoundation.org).

It’s understandable that a community known as an imaginative culture by the sea would continue to attract a wealth of talent and opportunities to explore the arts — and create so many opportunities to do so.



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of the festival's board, **Julian Bills**, marveled at its enduring popularity, calling it a "spectacular testimony to all of us who appreciate and love the traditional music of Dixieland." Bills said it's "almost impossible" not to feel happy and excited when listening to traditional jazz.

This year's lineup features 130 musicians, 25 bands, eight stages and six dance floors — along with 150 hours of music. The list includes **Le Hot Jazz**, **Tom Rigney and Flambeau**, **The Sierra Stompers**, **Dave Stuckey's Hot House Gang**, **The Royal Society Jazz Orchestra**, **The Bye Bye Boys Blues Band**, **Blue Street**, **Banjourama**, **After Midnight** and many others.

All-event badges are \$50 for Friday and Sunday, \$75 for Saturday, and \$125 for all three days. The hotel is located at 2 Portola Plaza, Monterey. [jazzbashmonterey.com](http://jazzbashmonterey.com)

### On a High Note

By CHRIS COUNTS

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This year marks the festival's 45th year. The president



Singers and guitarists Gillian Welch and David Rawlings play Monday, 8 p.m., at the Golden State Theatre in Monterey.



The Gryphon Trio, which features violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, takes the stage Sunday, 3 p.m., at Sunset Center.

### ■ Piano trio returns

Two years after their last concert here, **The Gryphon Trio** is back at Sunset Center Sunday at 3 p.m. The concert is latest presented by the Carmel Music Society, which hosts a reception after the performance in Sunset's Dance Studio.

A three-time Juno Award winner for Classical Music Album of the Year, the Canadian ensemble includes violinist **Annalee Patipatanakoon**, cellist **Roman Borys** and pianist **Jamie Parker**.

The trio will perform Haydn's *Piano Trio in F major, Op 27, Hob. XV:2*, Brahms' *Piano Trio No. 3 in C minor, Op 101*, and Ravel's *Trio in A minor*.

Tickets start at \$41.50. Sunset Center is located at San Carlos and Ninth. Call (831) 625-9938 or visit [carmelmusic.org](http://carmelmusic.org).

### ■ Folk duo plays Monterey

A month after taking home a Grammy Award for Best Folk Album, singers and guitarists **Gillian Welch** and **David Rawlings** take the stage Monday, 8 p.m., at Golden State Theatre in Monterey.

The album, "Woodland," showcases the duo's sparse and dark sound, which brings together folk, bluegrass and country. The pair also won a Grammy in 2021 for the LP,

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# Guinness brownies, pistachio cheesecake, and fresh bar bites

FOR ALL who are Irish, and all who celebrate despite having about as much Celtic heritage as an emperor penguin, St. Patrick's Day is just 10 days away. We'll get you started with a couple options this week and, with a wee bit of luck, have more to tell you about next week.

## Soup to Nuts

Baum & Blume at 4 El Caminito in Carmel Valley is offering its annual St. Patrick's Day feast from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, and Monday, March 17 (the restaurant is closed Sundays). Co-owner Deborah Wenzler said she's serving the meal both days so people can party on the weekend, if they prefer. For her, celebrating the patron saint of the Emerald Isle will be "just being here, with people coming and going and calling all day. We play Irish music and people where funny hats — but we're serious about the food."

Everything is available a la carte and can be taken to go or eaten there. Starters include baked mussels with a buttery topping, "Devil May Kerry Eggs" — deviled eggs with smoked salmon and scallions — and crispy spinach-artichoke bites with dipping sauce.

### Irish soup

The meal continues with Ballymaloe Cauliflower Soup. The name comes from a prestigious Irish "cookery" school, and some friends of hers who'd been there brought Wenzler



Diane Wenzler

the recipe. She commented that it was "very involved" and uses, among other things, cauliflower leaves, and florets, homemade white sauce, and vegetable broth. From her description of the process, a great deal of love and dedication are also required.

The soup comes with some homemade soda bread, but if it's not enough, you can purchase a small round loaf to take with you. Also on offer is a "pub salad" with butter lettuce, blue cheese and roasted walnuts tossed with a walnut-oil-and-mustard vinaigrette. For the main event, there's corned beef and cabbage cooked up by Wenzler's brother, Deric. It's made from top round, instead of the more commonly used brisket, and if you order it with "the works," you get soup, bread and baked mashed potatoes with scallions and butter, a combo called "champ." A side of homemade red wine mustard comes with it. Yup — they make the mustard from scratch.

Roast chicken quarters and an asparagus tart with Swiss cheese and savory custard are good alternatives if corned beef's not your thing. In case you have any room left after all that, sister Diane Wenzler, "the baker," per Deborah, is making brownies with Guinness stout — chocolate and Guinness are a surprisingly sublime combo — warm oatmeal and currant scones, a shortbread apple pie, and Key Lime pie. OK, that last one's not at all Irish, but, "It's green," said Deborah, and you could almost hear her shrug through the phone.

Prices range from \$3.25 for the deviled eggs and \$3.75 for the brownies to \$32.99 per person for the works. Visit [baumandblume.com](http://baumandblume.com) for more details, or call (831) 659-0400 to order ahead.

### Café Carmel also going green

As she does every year, Café Carmel's chef-owner, Sarah Cook, will be offering a number of themed treats for St. Patrick's Day. In addition to some savory Irish soda bread which she says is delicious warm with butter or a piece of Irish cheddar cheese, or dunked in a big bowl of



Café Carmel is conjuring up the luck of the Irish with a themed collection of sweet and savory treats. A pistachio cupcake (left) is finished with a tiny shamrock chocolate, and sugar cookies are popular with leprechauns and people alike — or so we're told.

stew, there are shamrock sugar cookies and green, pistachio-flavored cheesecake and cake, as well as pistachio cupcakes topped with tiny shamrock chocolates, and cookies with little rainbows (pot of gold not included). Café Carmel is on Ocean Avenue just below Devendorf Park and offers espresso drinks and hot and cold breakfast and lunch selections daily, along with a wide assortment of pastries and desserts. Visit [cafecarmel.com](http://cafecarmel.com) for more info or to order.

### ■ Cheesy logic with fondue

Dogs like cheese. Fondue is made with cheese. Therefore, there will be a fundraiser at Lugano's Swiss Bistro — where fondue is king — in the Barnyard shopping center to benefit Animal Friends Rescue Project on March

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its seventh year, it's an opportunity for animal lovers to gather, share a good meal and raise money for a good cause.

On the day of the fundraiser, Martin said, everyone's welcome just to show up. Guests will, of course, meet Gracee, who will be fulfilling her hostess duties in a resplendent blue dress with her name on it.

AFRP will also attend, bringing dogs seeking forever homes. The group also has cats available, and you can see all the adoptable pets at [animalfriendsrescue.org](http://animalfriendsrescue.org). Well-behaved canines are also welcome on the patio, while human-only dining is available indoors.

No reservations or RSVPs are required. "I invite my friends, guests at my rental properties, rental property owners — just everyone, really," said Martin.

### ■ New menu, hours at Point Pinos

Starting March 14, the Grill at Point Pinos in Pacific Grove will introduce a new "Bar Bites & Tasty Delights" menu, available Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., extending its hours beyond its 5 p.m. winter closing time on those days.

Described as a "fresh take on elevated bar fare," the new menu includes Dungeness crab cakes, chips with guacamole and salsa, a trio of chicken and beef sliders, and chorizo fundido jalapeno poppers — peppers filled with cheese and chorizo sausage, then topped with more cheese. There's also a build-your-own charcuterie and cheese board option, along with more substantial "linner" offerings like tomato soup with a grilled cheese sandwich, a bas-

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Gracee Blossom Joy's human, Annee Martin, said the pup will act as "hostess with the mostess" during a fundraiser for Animal Friends Rescue Project at Lugano's Swiss Bistro.

of local business Sanctuary Vacation Rentals, adopted Gracee Blossom Joy from AFRP. The little pup made everyone who met her so happy, said Martin, that they named her the business' official ambassador of goodwill.

### Just show up

"She added so much love to our lives. She's the most loving dog," Martin said of the ambassador, asking, "but we all think that about our dogs, don't we?" Out of gratitude for her four-legged bestie, Martin began donating to AFRP and coordinating an annual fundraiser at Lugano's. Now in



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# FOOD & WINE

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ket of fried chicken and french fries, and a double cheeseburger.

The eclectic cocktail list is too long to do justice to here, but many of the libations include freshly squeezed juices, exotic touches like passion fruit and cardamom, or unusual ingredients like Happy Girl strawberry jam. One quick example — the Filthy Tini, a take on the dirty martini, combines Midtown Spirits pickle vodka (no, really), olive juice and two Point Reyes blue-cheese-stuffed olives.

“We can’t wait for locals, golfers and Pacific Grove visitors to experience our new Bar Bites & Tasty Delights menu. Our team has designed a fresh, fun and flavorful way to enjoy Pacific Grove’s best

views, bites and cocktails,” said owner Tamie Aceves.

The restaurant is at 79 Asilomar Blvd., adjacent to the scenic Pacific Grove Golf Links and an easy stroll to its namesake lighthouse. While it caters to golfers, it has a solid local following among non-duffers, too. The espresso bar and grab-and-go offerings are available starting at 7 a.m. daily, and brunch and lunch are served from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — think waffles, Benedicts, burritos, salads and hot and cold sandwiches. Cocktails are served all day. Visit [grillatpointpinos.com](http://grillatpointpinos.com) to see the full menu.

■ **New wine releases, hike**

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Soledad will be the scene of parties Saturday and Sunday where you can taste new releases paired with artisanal cheeses. The event is free to wine club members. For everyone else, it’s \$30 per person, prepaid at [exploretock.com](http://exploretock.com).

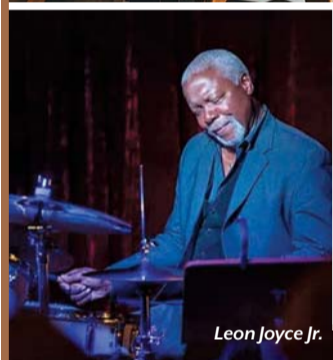
You can also reserve a spot for Sunday’s complimentary “Hike and Wine” with Valley Farm Management and the Blue Zones Project. Walk the vineyards overlooking

the fertile Salinas Valley, learn about sustainable growing practices and then enjoy a wine tasting on the patio. The hike starts promptly at 10 a.m., so guests are encouraged to arrive early. Reservations are available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). To learn more about both events, visit [cruwinery.com](http://cruwinery.com) and select “Events” under the “Visit Us” tab.

*Elaine Hesser wrote this week’s column.*



Pacific Grove’s Point Pinos Grill, adjacent to the P.G. municipal golf course, will start serving a new “bar bites” menu next week, which will include creative cocktails, like Pepper’s Passion (left) with hibiscus-infused vodka, and snacks like jalapeno poppers with cheese.



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# MUSIC

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## Live music March 7-13

### ■ Big Sur

**Big Sur River Inn** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Saturday at 12:30 p.m.). 46800 Highway 1.

### ■ Carmel

**Barmel** — singer and guitarist **Kyle Kovalik** (Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Tony Burciaga** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). In Carmel Square on San Carlos north of Seventh.

**Cypress Inn** — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Friday at 7 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** and singer **Debbie Davis** (cabaret, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Andrea Carter Trio** (jazz and pop, Sunday at 11 a.m.), guitarist **Richard Devinck** (classical, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Joe Indence** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). Lincoln and Seventh.

**Hyatt Carmel Highlands** — singer and pianist **Dino Vera** (jazz, blues and r&b, Saturday and Thursday, both at 6 p.m.). 120 Highlands Drive.

**La Playa Hotel** — guitarist **Glenn Bell** (jazz, Tuesday at 5 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz,

Thursday at 5 p.m.). Camino Real and Eighth.

**The Links Club — The Edge Band** (rock, Friday at 7:30 p.m.), **Shannon & the Night Divers** (pop, funk, & r&b, Saturday at 7:30 p.m.), Songwriters Showcase (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., sign-ups start at 6:30 p.m.). Carmel Plaza, Mission and Ocean.

**Mission Ranch** — singer and pianist **Maddaline Edstrom** (jazz, Friday through Sunday at 5 p.m.), pianist **Gennady Loktionov** (jazz, Monday through Thursday at 5 p.m.). 26270 Dolores St.

**O’Callaghan’s Pub — Vinyl Revival** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). In the Barnyard shopping center.

### ■ Carmel Valley

**Bernardus Lodge** — pianist **Mathias Morris** (classical, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Saturday at noon), singer and pianist **TJ Kuenster** (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.), guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Sunday at 11 a.m.). 415 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**Folktales Winery** — singer and guitarist **Jacob Chase** (Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kito Rayburn** (Saturday at 2 p.m.). 8940 Carmel Valley Road.

**Massa Tasting Room** — singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (folk, Sunday at noon). 69 W. Carmel Valley Road.

**The Running Iron** in Carmel Valley — Open Mic

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Fiddler Tom Rigney is one of 130 musicians who are set to perform this weekend at the 45th annual Jazz Bash by the Bay in downtown Monterey.

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**Trailside Cafe** in Carmel Valley — **Boscoe's Brood** (rock, Friday at 6 p.m.), saxophonist Roger Eddy (jazz, Saturday at 6 p.m.). 3 Del Fino Place.

## Monterey

**Albatross Ridge Winery and Kitchen** — singer **Eliza James** and singer-guitarist **Keith Rayburn** (Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 6 p.m.). 316 Alvarado St.

**Bon Ton LeRoy's Smokehouse** — Open Mic Night (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 794 Lighthouse Ave.

**Bulldog Sports Pub** — **Tribe in the Sky** presents a weekly Community Jam (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.). 611 Lighthouse Ave.

**Cibo** — **The Dave Holodiloff Duo** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer **Lee Durley** and pianist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Tuesday at 7 p.m.), singer **Miranda Perl** and guitarist **Adam Astrup** (jazz and swing, Wednesday at 7 p.m.). 301 Alvarado St.

**InterContinental Hotel** — guitarist **John Sherry** (rock and blues, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.), singer

and guitarist **Zack Freitas** (Saturday at 9 a.m.), guitarist **Terrence Farrell** (Latin music, Sunday at 9 a.m.). 750 Cannery Row.

**Melville Tavern** — singer and harmonica player **Chuck Brewer** (rock and blues, Tuesday at 6 p.m.). 484 Washington St.

**Midici Pizza** — multi-instrumentalist **Paul Contos** and keyboardist **Martan Mann** (jazz, Sunday at 5 p.m.), singer **Akina Miyata** and keyboardist **Bill Spencer** (jazz, Thursday at 6 p.m.). 467 Alvarado St.

**Monterey Plaza Hotel** — pianist **Steve Mann** (jazz, Friday at 6 p.m.), singer and pianist **Scott Brown** (jazz and pop, Saturday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Meek** (jazz, Sunday at 6 p.m.), singer and multi-instrumentalist **Rory Lynch** (Monday and Wednesday at 6 p.m.), multi-instrumentalist **Gary Regina** (jazz, Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m.). 400 Cannery Row.

**Pearl Hour** — **The Zach Westfall Group** (jazz, Sunday at 8 p.m.), **The Ben Herod Trio** (jazz, Wednesday at 8 p.m.). 214 Lighthouse Ave.

**Salty Seal Pub** — **The John Michael Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 8 p.m.), **The Edge Band** (Saturday at 8 p.m.), **Santa Cruda** (reggae, Sunday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Dan Frechette** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 653 Cannery Row.

**The Sardine Factory** — singer and guitarist **David Conley** (Friday and Saturday, Tuesday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m.). 701 Wave St.

**Sly McFly's** — **Scarlet** (pop and rock, Friday at 9 p.m.), **Velvet Jones** (pop and rock, Saturday at 9 p.m.), **Victory Lane** (classic rock, Monday at 8:30 p.m.), **The Shrunken Heads** (rock, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.), **5 Star** (rock and soul, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.), **Bobby & Friends** (pop, rock and soul, Thursday at 8:30 p.m.). 700 Cannery Row.

**Wave Street Studios** — **The Transducers** (rock and funk) and singer and guitarist **Adrea Castiano** (Friday at 8:30 p.m.). Tickets start at \$28. wavestreetstudios.com

**Wendi Kirby Music** — singer and guitarist **Casey Frazier** (Sunday at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$39. 550 Hartnell St.



Singer and guitarist Adrea Castiano performs Friday at Wave Street Studios in Monterey.

## Pacific Grove

**Asilomar Hotel and Conference Grounds** — singer and multi-instrumentalist **Casey Wickstrom** (rock and blues, Friday at 4 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Pfeffer** (Saturday at 4 p.m.). In the Phoebe Hearst Social Hall, 800 Asilomar Ave.

**Il Vecchio Restaurant** — **The Cena Jazz Trio** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 110 Central Ave.

**Julia's Vegetarian Restaurant** — singer and guitarist **Rags Rosenberg** (Friday at 7 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Kevin Smith** (Saturday at 6 p.m.), **Andrea's Fault Duo** ("folky stuff mixed with surprises," Monday at 6 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Holysea** (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.), singer and guitarist **Rick Chelew** (Thursday at 6 p.m.). 1180 Forest Ave.

**Monarch Pub** in Pacific Grove — **The Katherine Lavin Band** (pop and rock, Friday at 6 p.m.). 617 Lighthouse Ave.

**The Pacific Grove Art Center** — Hootenany acoustic jam session (Saturday at 7 p.m.). 568 Lighthouse Ave.

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**March 8** — UC Santa Cruz Arts Division Theatre Arts Program of the Department of Performance, Play & Design and the African American Theater Arts Troupe present **Paradise Blue** by **Dominique Morisseu**, directed by **Don Williams**, 7:30 p.m. at Monterey Peninsula College. Free admission.

**March 9** — Meet author **Kim Birdsong** during a poetry reading and signing of her new book, "**Rain to Root, poems of meeting grief and grace.**" Event is set for 1 to 2:30 p.m. at River House Books, 208 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, CA.

**March 13** — **B4Noon Community Recital**, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at Carmel Presbyterian Church, Ocean & Junipero, SE corner, every Thursday through April 24. Free. **This week, Mar 13: Celebrating St. Patrick's Day with music from Eun Ha Chung** (organ & piano).

**March 13** — **Sons In Retirement (SIR)** monthly luncheon at Bayonet Grill, Seaside. Guest speaker is **Joe Livernois**, local historian and former Monterey Herald editor talking about "The Wreck of the Los Angeles at Point Sur" in 1894. Email Al Williams at alw831@comcast.net for more info.

**March 15** — UC Santa Cruz Arts Division Theatre Arts Program of the Department of Performance, Play & Design and the African American Theater Arts Troupe present **Paradise Blue** by **Dominique Morisseu**, directed by **Don Williams**. 7:30 p.m. at Oldemeyer Center, Seaside. Free admission. For details visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paradise-blue-a-play-by-dominique-morisseau-tickets-1207999662509>

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**March 18** — **Ikebana (Japanese flower arrangement) demo.** will be held on March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at Buddhist Temple at 1155 Noche Buena St., Seaside, CA 93955. Parking in the back of the building. Refreshments following the demo. Guest fee is \$5.

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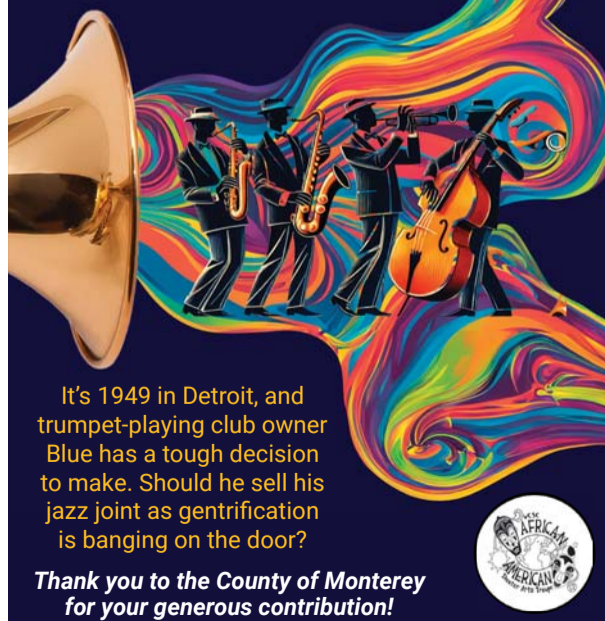
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**PG's Meetinghouse** — **The PG 3** ("high-energy dance rock," Friday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Arman Sangalang Quartet** (jazz, Saturday at 6:30 p.m.), **The Pacific Grove High School Angels Quintet** (classical, Sunday at 11 a.m.), **Open Mic** (Tuesday at 6 p.m., sign up by 5 p.m.), 599 Lighthouse Ave.

**Phill's Barber Shop** in Pacific Grove — **PG-13** (rock, Friday at 7 p.m.). 610 Lighthouse Ave.

**Pop & Hiss** — singer and guitarist **Luna Worldcast** (Saturday at 8 p.m.), weekly bluegrass jam with **The Otter Opry** (Thursday at 7 p.m.). 215 Forest Ave.

## Sand City

**Sand City Art Park** in Seaside — Night Market 831 features **The Rumba Madre** (Latin fusion, Friday at 5 p.m.). 525 Ortiz Ave.

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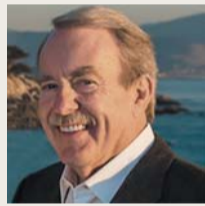


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# POLICE LOG

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## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Elderly female fell on the sidewalk on Mission and Sixth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject prowling on private property at Mission and Vista.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury traf-

fic collision on Lincoln Street involving a parked city vehicle.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Wallet left at the farmers market was turned in to CPD. The owner later came to the station to retrieve her wallet.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Trespass warning at San Carlos and Eighth.

**Pacific Grove:** A 35-year-old male on Ocean View Boulevard was cited for failure to appear in court and released on scene.

**Carmel area:** Financial abuse reported

on Carmel Knolls and Upper Walden Court.

**Carmel area:** Emotional abuse reported on Rio Road.

**Pebble Beach:** Sunridge Road resident reported a dispute over tenancy.

**Carmel Valley:** A person who lives on Wawona was reported missing.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Subject prowling on private property on Monterey Street.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Overdue juvenile reported as a missing person. Juvenile later returned home. Info report only.

**Pacific Grove:** A 28-year-old female was arrested on Lighthouse Avenue for DUI. She was booked into Monterey County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

**Pacific Grove:** A 38-year-old male was arrested at Sunset Drive and Pico Avenue and booked in Monterey County Jail for resisting

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# Carmel: a gem of irresistible charm where fairy tales come to life

*It is worth the while to see your native village thus sometimes, as if you were a traveler passing through it.*  
 — **Henry David Thoreau**

OFTEN RESIDENTS of a community take for granted the things that make their town special. I grew up about 25 miles from Niagara Falls, knowing they were truly wondrous but never really appreciating them until I saw them after being away for almost 50 years.

From the rear deck of my home in Southern California, “26 miles across the sea, Santa Catalina was waiting for me.” At night I could see the lights of Avalon. My house was above the marine layer that blanketed the water between the island and L.A. at sundown. Only the twin peaks were visible. It looked like I could walk across a cumulus pathway. Yet I only went there once. By boat, not clouds.

Travel writers have called Carmel-by-the-Sea the

most charming town in the country. Charm is an elusive quality, difficult to define, but noticeably in short supply in our high-tech society. Charm has synonyms, such as allure, charisma and magnetism, but none quite capture the essence of the word. I like Sir James Barrie’s defini-

tion: “Charm is that which, if a woman has it, she doesn’t need anything else; and if she doesn’t have it, nothing else helps.”

What do you see when you walk about Carmel? There is the village’s scenic beauty with its breathtaking natural landscapes, bluff-top views of the Pacific Ocean,

windswept cypress trees and pristine powdery sand beaches — and don’t forget its whimsical cottages, fairy-tale architecture and serene streets. Then there is the quirkiness of no street addresses, offbeat names for houses, and no traffic signals, sidewalks or streetlights.

Carmel’s roots as a haven for artists have not diminished over the more than 100 years since its founding. There are as many art galleries as there are restaurants, and it is not unusual to see artists and easels around town. Stand still for a few minutes on Scenic Road, and you may end up a brushstroke on an artist’s canvas.

## Scenic Views

By **JERRY GERVASE**

COMING SOON



Jo Mora’s delightful sculpture, “The Greeting,” in El Paseo Courtyard, is one of Carmel’s charming features that been-there-done-that locals can miss.

Carmel abounds in charming artworks. Among my favorites is George Lundeen’s *The Valentine*. The bronze art at Sixth and Lincoln captures a tender moment between an older couple seated on a park bench.

### Humor, color

On the patio of the Cypress Inn, you’ll be seated near a mural of silent film star Charlie Chaplin with his signature bowler hat, iconic mustache and mischievous gaze. Charlie holds a can of pink paint, having encircled himself in the outline of a dripping, pink heart. It is the work of Thierry Guetta. This French-born L.A. street artist also painted Albert Einstein holding a sign reading “Love is the

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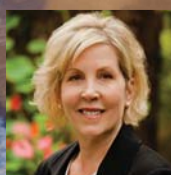


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# GERVASE

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Answer” on the side of the chimney of the Einstein Cottage at Forest Lodge.

Before you go into Nielsen’s Market at Seventh and San Carlos, check out the Bill Bates/Carole Minou mural on the wall facing the store. Bates took a humorous approach to a stylized map of Carmel-by-the-Sea. You can obtain directions from it that will help guide you through a town with no street addresses. You can even laugh at some of the jokes that originated as cartoons in The Pine Cone and became part of the mural: “How come you never came to visit me when I lived in Torrance,” “Carmel, pop. - 4,302, Gift shops - 17,210.” Sometimes I sit across from the

post office on the on the Bill Bates memorial bench with its plaque, “Bill Bates Humor Overlay District,” just to remind me not to take everything so seriously.

I’m guessing that a thousand people a day pass by the El Paseo Courtyard on Dolores between Ocean and Seventh without taking in the ornate wrought-iron railings, the colorful risers on the staircases and the exquisite planter. The centerpiece of the courtyard is Jo Mora’s delightful sculpture of a lovely woman accepting the greeting of a courtly gentleman.

### Happily ever after

Carmel has a romantic vibe with its whimsical cottages and winding streets. It is so charmingly cozy that it almost feels as if you’re in a fairy tale. I’ve only touched briefly on some of the village’s alluring elements. There’s still Devendorf Park and the little shops and galleries tucked away

in unexpected places, and the castle-like Tor House.

And don’t forget Carmel’s shoreline, with those amazing views of the ocean through the trees, or the more amazing views walking on the beach.

Busyness afflicts us with mental cat- aracts that cloud the charismatic reality of where we live. Carmel’s unique blend

of natural beauty, artistic spirit and cozy atmosphere makes it a special place. It has an Old World flavor, but there is also a laid-back, welcoming ambiance that makes everyone feel at home. No wonder people keep coming back again and again. No wonder I live here.

Contact Jerry at [jerrygervase@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrygervase@yahoo.com).

# SHERIFF

From page 4RE

arrest, possession of stolen property and possession of narcotics.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Asilomar Avenue was placed on a 5150 hold [danger to self or others].

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Lighthouse Avenue was admonished for trespassing after causing a disturbance at a business.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of grand theft on Forest Avenue.

**Carmel Valley:** A woman on Carmel Valley Road reported battery that involved her neighbor.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Lost/stolen iPad at Junipero and Sixth.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on Union Street was marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Theft on Syida Drive. No suspect information.

**Carmel Valley:** Domestic dispute on Esquiline Road involving a 49-year-old male, who was arrested, and an adult male and female victim and two juvenile female victims.

**Pebble Beach:** Sunridge resident called to request medical care at his residence along with law enforcement for a civil dispute over a rental agreement.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Non-injury traffic accident on Sixth Avenue.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report taken for a found purse with contents. Owner was notified and arrangements were made to return the said property to its rightful owner.

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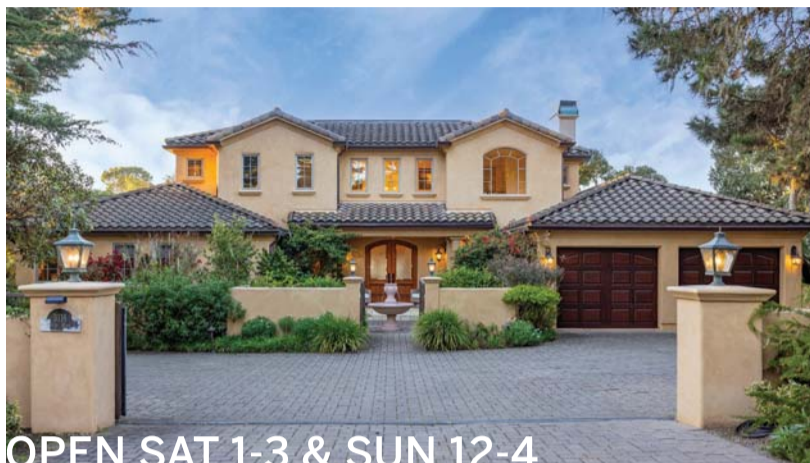


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3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,652± SQ. FT. | 0.13± ACRES

\$1,499,999

[25401MarkhamLane.com](http://25401MarkhamLane.com)

Shankle Real Estate Team 831.915.2800

License# 01308343 & 02212067

18511 McClellan Circle, Marina

3 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,121± SQ. FT. | 0.11± ACRES

\$1,099,000

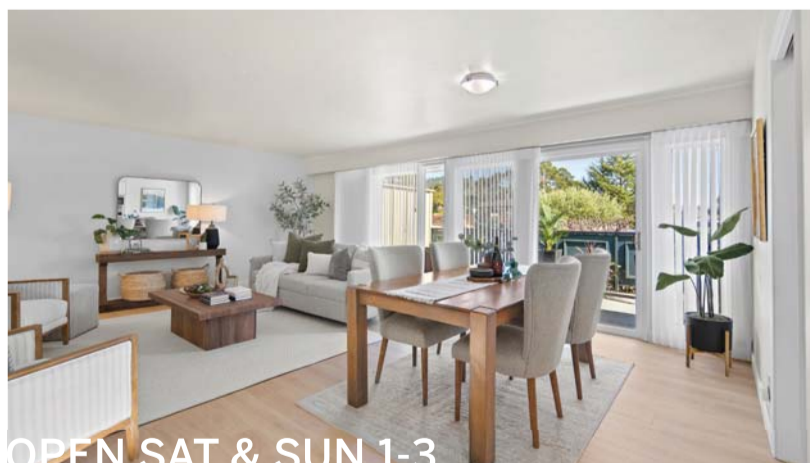
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**OPEN SAT 1-3 & SUN 1-4**



**OPEN SAT & SUN 1-3**

101 Del Mesa Carmel, Carmel

1 BD | 1 BA | 1,000± SQ. FT. | \$660,000

[101DelMesaCarmel.com](http://101DelMesaCarmel.com)

Claudia McCotter 831.293.3391

License# 01982938

53810 Highway 1, Big Sur

11 BD | 11 BA / 2 HBA | 7,668± SQ. FT. | 43.83± ACRES

\$21,500,000

[BienSurEstate.com](http://BienSurEstate.com)

Truszkowski Freedman & Associates 831.250.3560

License# 01240204 & 01956633





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**5496 Quail Meadows Drive, Carmel Valley**

**2.67± ACRES**

**\$2,375,000**

**5496QuailMeadowsLot.com**

Shelley Risko & Jeannie Fromm 831.238.2101

License# 01440339 & 01348162



**100 Cypress Way, Carmel**

**5 BD | 4.5 BA | 4,232± SQ. FT. | 3.43± ACRES**

**\$5,180,000**

**100CypressWay.com**

Laraye Sullivan 931.624.1566

License# 01910918



**OPEN SAT 1-4**

**Carpenter 5 NE of 4th St., Carmel**

**3 BD | 2 BA | 1,431± SQ. FT. | 5,000± SQ. FT. LOT**

**\$2,300,000**

**TheDolphinOnCarpenter.com**

Jeannie Fromm 831.277.3371

License# 01348162



**27151 Prestancia Way, Monterey/Salinas Hwy**

**5 BD | 4 BA | 3,818± SQ. FT. | 0.26± ACRES**

**\$1,585,000**

**sothebysrealty.com/id/M3QWPS**

Letty Veitengruber 831.277.1206

License# 02056862



**OPEN SUN 12-3**

**5 Laurel Drive, Carmel Valley**

**3 BD | 2 BA | 1,294± SQ. FT. | 0.32± ACRES**

**\$1,450,000**

**5LaurelDr.com**

Doug Steiny 831.236.7363

License# 00681652

**9 Story Road, Carmel Valley**

**2 BD | 2.5 BA | 2,312± SQ. FT. | 1.02± ACRES**

**\$2,225,000**

**9StoryRoad.com**

Laura Ciucci 831.236.8571

License# 01135238



**OPEN SUN 12-2**



**OPEN SAT & SUN 11-4**

**3 Via Chiquita, Monterey**

**3 BD | 2 BA | 1,459± SQ. FT. | 6,720± SQ. FT. LOT**

**\$995,000**

**sothebysrealty.com/id/P673EV**

Adam Moniz 831.601.3320

License# 01885594

**0 Aguajito, Carmel**

**5± ACRES LOT**

**\$800,000**

**sothebysrealty.com/id/WXMYG9**

Jeannie Fromm 831.277.3371

License# 01348162



**17114 Cachagua Road, Carmel Valley**

**10± ACRES LOT | \$795,000**

**cv10Acre.com**

Courtney Stanley 831.624.1566

License# 01958169



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**4 BED  
2 BATH  
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1 ACRE LOT**

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*Molly McGee*  
REALTOR, DRE#00461317  
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**OPEN HOUSE  
SAT 12-4 & SUN 1-4**



1461 Via Marettimo, Monterey — \$1,185,000

## HOME SALES

*From page 2RE*

### Carmel Valley

**Village Center — \$500,000**  
Bryan Deal to Liu Hobbs LLC  
APN: 189-221-023

**9500 Center Street unit 5 — \$580,000**  
John McGovern to Kevin Tansy and Kathy Champlin  
APN: 169-237-005

**278 Hacienda Carmel — \$599,000**  
Jayne Moore to Louis Von Hasseln  
APN: 015-356-011

**267 Hacienda Carmel — \$1,000,000**  
Louise Von Hasseln to Fred and Anne Heryer  
APN: 015-356-013

**126 Chaparral Road — \$1,160,000**  
Estate of Mel Spehn to Alyse Levalley and Cord Bynum  
APN: 187-611-051

**7020 Valley Greens Drive unit 4 — \$1,400,000**  
Henry Beard and Gwyneth Cravens to  
Larry and Susan Wilson  
APN: 157-111-004

**35 Lilac Lane — \$1,600,000**  
Aaron and Karie Bennett to Earl and Eileen Skidmore  
APN: 187-501-027

**7020 Valley Greens Drive unit 8 — \$1,625,000**  
Donald and Annette Black to Deborah Nucci  
APN: 157-111-008

**9945 Holt Road — \$3,150,000**  
Michelle Smith to Robert Reed and Susan Siegel  
APN: 416-543-002

**330 El Caminito — \$3,300,000**  
Peter and Maria Roden to Daniel and Marieke McGovern  
APN: 187-591-012

### Del Rey Oaks

**Canyon del Rey Blvd. — \$2,800,000**  
Del Rey Oaks LLC to John Church  
APN: 012-601-013

### Highway 68

**22698 Picador Drive — \$1,325,000**  
Maurice and Theresa Townsley and Patrick and Lauren  
Taddeucci to Thomas and Esther Beal  
APN: 161-302-005

*See ESCROWS page 15RE*

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CARMEL**  
4 BD | 3 BA | 3,487 SF | \$3,150,000

**9668 WILLOW COURT  
CARMEL VALLEY RANCH**  
3 BD | 4 BA | 2,502 SF | \$1,950,000

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**OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4**

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# LOG

From page 7RE

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Found passport on San Carlos south of Fifth. Held for safekeeping pending owner notification.

**Pacific Grove:** At about 2023 hours, a subject came to the Pacific Grove Police Department to provide property that was located at a park in Pacific Grove on Ocean View Boulevard. The property was booked for safekeeping.

**Pacific Grove:** Vehicle on 17th Street was marked for 72-hour parking.

**Pacific Grove:** Female on Central Avenue was placed on mental health hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Dog bite on Benito Avenue. Dog owner stated the victim refused medical.

**Pacific Grove:** Subject on Hillcrest was admonished for trespassing.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies and search and rescue responded to a recovery on Paso Hondo for the victim of a medical emergency.

**Carmel Valley:** Tenant on Rancho el Robledo is experiencing several issues with a property management company.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Prowler seen attempting to gain entry to a parked vehicle at a residence at San Carlos and 10th at 0128 hours.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Suspicious vendor attempting to pose as fraudulent chimney sweeping business reported at a residence on Dolores south of Ninth.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Welfare check on Dolores north of 10th.

**Carmel-by-the-Sea:** Report taken for a lost wallet.

**Pacific Grove:** Female on Lighthouse was placed on mental health hold.

**Pacific Grove:** Report of past-tense elder abuse on Asilomar Avenue.

**Pacific Grove:** Property from First Street turned in to the station for destruction.

**Pacific Grove:** Reported dogs at large on Syda. Owner was contacted and a citation was issued.

**Pacific Grove:** Burglary of a business on Forest Avenue. Investigation into first-degree burglary and vandalism is ongoing.

**Carmel Valley:** Structure fire on Robinson Canyon Road at 0018 hours.

**Carmel Valley:** Suspicious circumstances were reported on Del Rio.

**Carmel Valley:** Deputies responded to a report of a verbal dispute between a man and woman on West Carmel Valley Road. Incident was documented.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250332  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CASTROVILLE PHARMACY, 10685 MERRITT ST, CASTROVILLE, CA 95012** County of Monterey  
 Registrant(s):  
**CASTROVILLE HEALTHCARE INC, 15859 CALISTOGA AVE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93314**  
 This business is conducted by a Corporation  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
**CASTROVILLE HEALTHCARE INC S/ RAJESH KHOSLA, CEO**  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on 02/14/2025.  
 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21/25  
**CNS-3898200#**  
**CARMEL PINE CONE**  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250360  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**FABI'S DAYCARE, 613 Roosevelt St., Salinas, CA 93905.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
 Registered Owner(s):  
**FABIOLA RAMIREZ MARTINEZ.**  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 20, 2025.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Fabiola Ramirez Martinez  
 Date signed: Feb. 20, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 20, 2025.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250327  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MEDRANOS, 1147 Raven Ct., Salinas, CA 93905.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
 Registered Owner(s):  
**ESTHER MEDRANO.**  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Esther Medrano  
 Date signed: Feb. 14, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 14, 2025.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250275  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**WAVES OF CHANGE COUNSELING SERVICES BY KILSIS, 116 Mervine Street, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
 Registered Owner(s):  
**KILSIS JULIA TUGORES, 565 Hartnell St., Number 1093, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 6, 2025.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Kilsis Julia Tugores  
 Date signed: Feb. 6, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County

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 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
 Registered Owner(s):  
**KILSIS JULIA TUGORES, 565 Hartnell St., Number 1093, Monterey, CA 93940.**  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 6, 2025.  
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 S/Kilsis Julia Tugores  
 Date signed: Feb. 6, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County

ty Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 6, 2025.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250230  
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**CANDY JP DISTRIBUTIONS, 12081 Rogge Village Loop, Apt. E.37, Salinas, CA 93906.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:  
**J & L 090507 DISTRIBUTION LLC.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 15, 2015.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).  
 S/Jamil Piedra Salomon, Manager  
 Date: Jan. 10, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Jan. 10, 2025.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250414  
 Filing type: NEW FILING - with CHANGE(S) from the previous filing.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**DAYDREAM PASTRY CREATIONS, 515 Front St., Soledad, CA 93960.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY.  
 Name of Corporation or LLC as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.:  
**DAYDREAM PASTRY CREATIONS, LLC, 455 Market St., Ste. 1940 #544245, San Francisco, CA 94105.**  
 State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA  
 This business is conducted by a limited liability company.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000). I am also aware that all information on this statement becomes public record upon filing pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code Sections 6250-6277).  
 S/Cinthia Karely Duarte, Managing Member  
 Date: Feb. 27, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 27, 2025.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
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tion with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
**A. Present name:**  
**SUSAN ANITA LEWIS**  
**Proposed name:**  
**SUSAN LITTLE SPARROW**

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING:**  
 DATE: April 15, 2025  
 TIME: 10:00 a.m.  
 DEPT: 14  
 The address of the court is 1200 Agujero Road, Monterey, CA 93940.  
 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *The Carmel Pine Cone*.  
 (s) Thomas W. Willis  
 Judge of the Superior Court  
 Date filed: Feb. 20, 2025  
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the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).  
 Publication Dates: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2025 (PC 246)

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250381  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**EL PATRON AUTO DETAILING, 3109 Seacrest Ave, Apt. 04, Marina, CA 93933.**  
 Registered Owner(s):  
**CHRIS ECHEVERRIA VALDEZ.**  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Nov. 19, 2019.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Chris Echeverria Valdez  
 Date signed: Feb. 21, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 21, 2025.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 20250371  
 Filing type: ORIGINAL FILING.  
 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**MOSES DISTRO, 804 Garner Ave, Salinas, CA 93905.**  
 County of Principal Place of Business: MONTEREY  
 Registered Owner(s):  
**MUTZ SALIH, 271 E. Workman St., Ste 106, Covina, CA 91723.**  
 This business is conducted by an individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 2025.  
**BY SIGNING, I DECLARE THAT ALL INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.** A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
 S/Mutz Salih  
 Date signed: Feb. 4, 2025  
 This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Feb. 0, 2025.  
 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME**  
 Case No. 25CV001008  
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner, SUSAN ANITA LEWIS, filed a pe-

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| <b>\$599,000 1bd 1ba</b> Sa 2:30-4<br>250 Hacienda Carmel Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 915-6391                                   |  |
| <b>\$660,000 1bd 1ba</b> Su 1-3<br>101 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391                                      |  |
| <b>\$885,000 2bd 2ba</b> Sa Su 2-4<br>62 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel<br>Silver Lining Realty 917-9857                                  |  |
| <b>\$1,100,000 2bd 2ba</b> Sa 1-3<br>31 Del Mesa Carmel Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 293-3391                                     |  |
| <b>\$1,425,000 2bd 2ba</b> Su 1-3<br>7026 Valley Greens Circle #18 Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 214-2250                          |  |
| <b>\$1,985,000 3bd 2ba</b> Fr 1-4 Sa 2-5 Su 1-4<br>Junipero 2 SE of 10th Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 402-2884                    |  |
| <b>\$2,300,000 3bd 2ba</b> Sa 1-4<br>Carpenter 5 NE of 4th Street Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 277-3371                           |  |
| <b>\$2,460,000 3bd 2ba</b> Sa 3-5 Su 11:30-1:30<br>3050 Ribera Rd Carmel<br>Coldwell Banker Realty 220-9817 / 917-7029            |  |
| <b>\$3,198,000 3bd 2ba</b> Sa Su 1-3<br>Alta 2 SW of Mission Street Carmel<br>Carmel Realty 293-3668                              |  |
| <b>\$3,490,000 3bd 3.5ba</b> Fr 2-4 Sa 1-3 Su 12-2<br>Santa Rita 2 SW of 5th Carmel<br>Coldwell Banker Realty 356-8123 / 238-5793 |  |
| <b>\$3,500,000 3bd 2.5ba</b> Sa Su 12-3<br>24332 San Juan Road Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 404-401-8647 / 333-6060               |  |
| <b>\$4,795,000 3bd 3ba</b> Su 1-3<br>139 Boyd Way Carmel<br>Compass 238-2022  |  |
| <b>\$4,850,000 3bd 3.5ba</b> Su 1-4<br>Casanova 4 NW of 13th Street Carmel<br>Sotheby's Int'l RE 238-8029                         |  |
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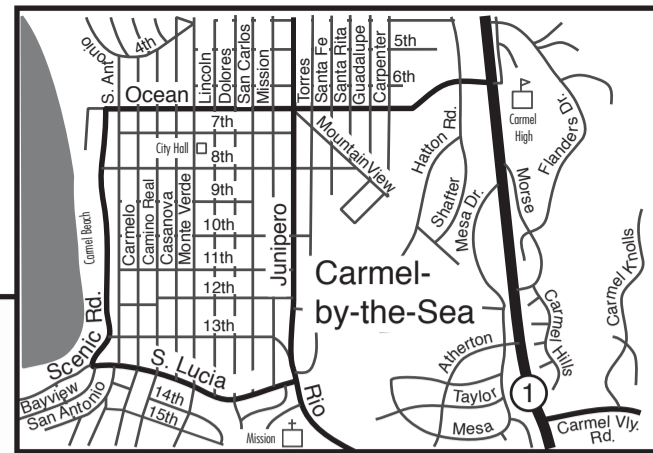
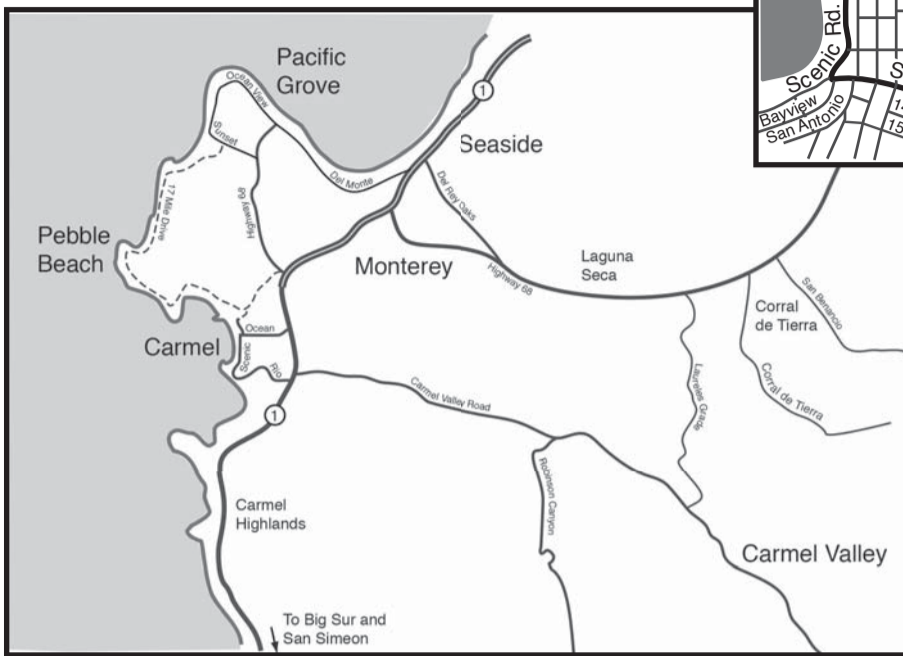
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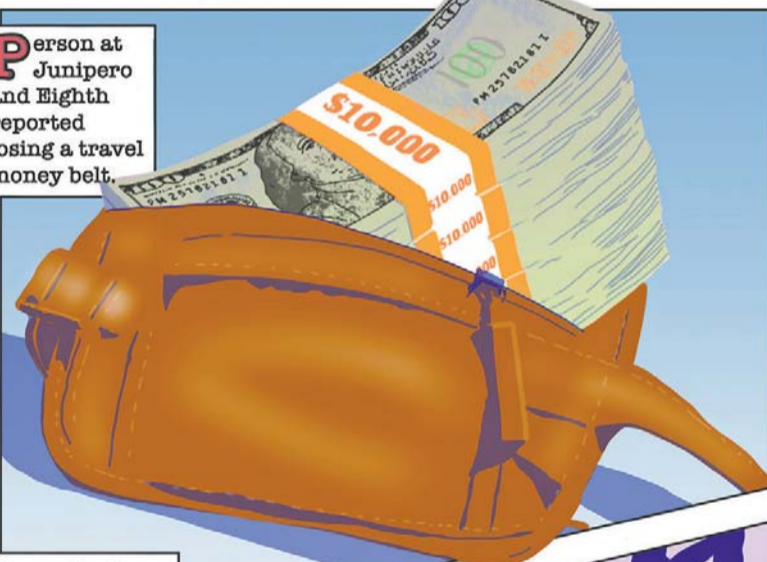
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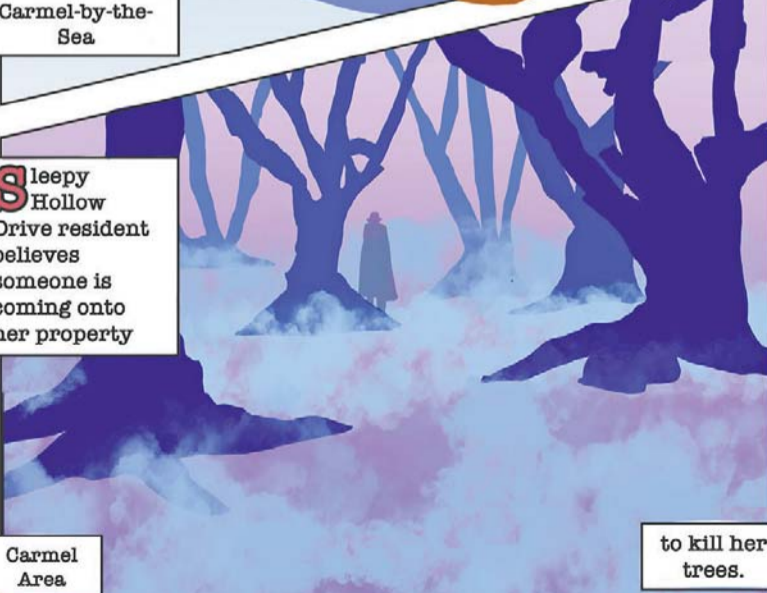
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## Highway 68 (con't.)

### 23675 Determine Lane — \$1,835,000

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APN: 173-101-037

### 13690 Tierra Spur — \$2,338,000

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University Corporation at Monterey Bay to Maria Bellumori and Emily Schmit  
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### 3010 Vera Lane — \$850,000

Zalez 9004 LLC to Jeremy and Anne Bullard  
APN: 032-401-055

### 2961 Garnet Way — \$1,800,000

104 Investments LLC to The Sea Haven LLC  
APN: 031-273-029

## Monterey

### 30 Monte Vista Drive unit 2302 — \$439,000

Daniel and Shirley Marien to John Schubert  
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### 820 Casanova Avenue unit 76 — \$492,000

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### 70 Forest Ridge Road unit 17 — \$1,210,000

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Kevin Kelly and Ruth Pavilionis to Michael Besner and Margaret Thomas  
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### 1249 Josselyn Canyon Road — \$4,800,000

Ave Maria Convalescent Hospital to The Bridge Restoration Ministry  
APN: 101-201-002

### Del Monte Center — \$123,535,000

AAT Del Monte LLC to FR Del Monte LLC

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### 2926 Ransford Avenue — \$1,595,000

Daniel Delon to Ivy and Mark Richards  
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Bluhm Family Partnership to Jeremy and Glynis Barrett  
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